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NOTE.

In order to comply with the requirements of the statute in connection with the making of By-laws, it is necessary that at least two-thirds of the whole number of the Council should be present at the Meeting, and it is therefore hoped that as many members of the Council as possible will find it convenient to attend.

T. M.

... Finance Committee so far as relating to the question of the Collection of County Rates;

(2) By-laws regulating the hours of opening and closing of places for public refreshment, &c.; and

(3) By-laws regulating the assembling or procession of bands in or upon any public highway or street or public place in the County.

I shall send you before the date of meeting copies of the Minutes of the Finance Committee referred to, and also copies of the proposed By-laws.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 29th May, 1912.

SIR,

I am to request your attendance at a Special Meeting of the County Council, to be held in the JURY COURT No. 1, County Buildings, Glasgow (entrance by 149 Ingram Street), *on Friday, 7th proximo, at Twelve o'clock Noon,* to dispose of the business left over from the May Statutory Meeting of the Council, including:—

(1) The Minutes of the Finance Committee so far as relating to the question of the Collection of County Rates;

(2) By-laws regulating the hours of opening and closing of places for public refreshment, &c.; and

(3) By-laws regulating the assembling or procession of bands in or upon any public highway or street or public place in the County.

I shall send you before the date of meeting copies of the Minutes of the Finance Committee referred to, and also copies of the proposed By-laws.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COUNTY OFFICES,

HAMILTON, *5th June, 1912.*

SIR,

I am directed to state that, in addition to the business mentioned in the Notice calling the Meeting of the County Council to be held in the JURY COURT No. 1, COUNTY BUILDINGS, GLASGOW, *on Friday next, 7th current, at Twelve o'clock noon*, there will be submitted to the Meeting recommendations by the Committee appointed under the National Insurance Act, 1911, with reference, *inter alia*, to appointments to be made by the County Council to the Provisional Insurance Committee for Lanarkshire. A Print of the Minutes of the Committee containing their recommendations on the subject accompanies this.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD IN THE

JURY COURT, No. 1,

COUNTY BUILDINGS, GLASGOW

(ENTRANCE BY 149 INGRAM STREET),

On FRIDAY, 7th JUNE, 1912,

At 12 o'Clock NOON.

AGENDA.

1. Chair to be taken.
2. Sederunt to be taken.
3. Notice of Meeting to be read.
4. Minutes of Statutory Meeting of the Committee, of date 9th May, 1912, to be submitted.
5. By-laws regulating the hours of opening and closing of places for public refreshment, &c.

   If so resolved, make By-laws.
6. By-laws for regulating the assembling or procession of bands in or upon any public highway or street or public place in the County.

   If so resolved, make By-laws.
7. National Insurance Act, 1911.

   Minutes of Committee, of date 5th June, 1912, containing recommendation as to appointments to Provisional Committee for Lanarkshire, &c.
8. Minutes of Finance Committee submitted to May Statutory Meeting so far as relating to the question of the Collection of County Rates.

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MINUTES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

9th May, 1912.

At LANARK, and within the County Hall, there, upon Thursday, the 9th day of May, 1912, being the May Statutory Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark, intimated and called in terms of the Notice hereinafter inserted.

Present—

Thomas Arnot.
William Barr.
Colonel Buchanan.
James Cameron.
W. W. Chapman.
Walter C. B. Christie.
Sir Nathaniel Dunlop.
James H. Fenton.
Alexander Hamilton.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
John Jackson.
Colonel Logan.
John Loudon.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
William Neilson.
Alexander Pillans.
David Hardie.
James C. Pollok.
Robert Sharp.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
Thomas Watt.
John Wheatley.
John M. Loudon.
George Stalker.
William L. Dyer.
Charles A. Easson.
Dr. Robertson.
James Duncan.
Andrew Mickel.
Hugh M'Lean.
David Watson.
Samuel Forrest.

Chairman.

Mr. Neilson, Vice-Convener of the County, presiding.

Apologies.

The Chairman intimated an apology from the Convener of the County, who was along with other members of the Council, and Mr. Munro, engaged in London on Parliamentary business.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting in terms of Section 73 (2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, which was in the following terms, viz.:—

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

County Offices,
Hamilton, *30th April, 1912.*

Sir,

I am to intimate that the Statutory May Meeting of the County Council will be held in the County Hall, Lanark, *on Thursday, 9th proximo, at Twelve o'clock noon*, for the purpose of receiving and disposing of the Minutes and Reports of Committees, and any communications from the District Committees, and of appointing Committees, Commissions, and Boards so far as these fall to be then appointed.

The Council may, if they so resolve, proceed, in terms of Section 33 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, to fill the vacancy in the Overtown Electoral Division of the County caused by the death of Mr. James Scott.

Prints of the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Council held on 13th December, 1911, and of Special Meetings held on 24th January and 14th February, 1912, are sent herewith.

Prints of Minutes of Committees and of Reports, &c., will be sent to you before the date of Meeting.

The Meeting may take up any other competent business.

I am, SIR,
Your obedient Servant,
THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

P.S.—A Meeting of the Standing Joint-Committee of the County will be held in the County Hall, Lanark, immediately after the Meeting of the Commissioners of Supply of the County, which is to be held on the same day, at Two o'clock p.m., for the appointment of a Chairman and Sub-Committees, and the transaction of other business.

Minutes of Statutory and special meetings.

The minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Council held on 13th December, 1911, and of special meetings held on 24th January and 14th February, 1912, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Acknowledgment by Mrs. Alston Dykes of resolution of sympathy.

The Clerk submitted and read a letter from Mrs. Alston Dykes, thanking the County Council for their resolution of sympathy on the occasion of the death of her husband.

Death of Mr. James Scott.—Reference by Chairman.

Before the ordinary business of the meeting was proceeded with, the Chairman referred to the death of Mr. James Scott, who had been a member of the Council for many years, and had taken his full share of the work of the Council and its Committees. The Chairman accordingly moved that there be recorded in the minutes an expression of the Council's regret at Mr. Scott's death, of their appreciation of the services rendered by him to the County, and of their sympathy with Mrs. Scott and relatives.

The motion was unanimously agreed to, and the Clerk was instructed to transmit to Mrs. Scott an excerpt from the minutes containing this resolution.

Vacancy in Overtown Electoral Division.—Petition in favour of appointment of Mr. James Steele, Senior.

The meeting having proceeded to fill up the vacancy on the Council, the Clerk laid before the meeting a petition signed by a number of electors in the Overtown Electoral Division recommending the appointment of Mr. James Steele, Senior, Greenwood, Overtown Road, Wishaw, and another petition recommending that the appointment should be delayed meantime. The meeting having agreed that the vacancy should be filled up forthwith, Mr. Pollok moved that Mr. Steele be appointed, which was seconded by Mr. Hamilton Houldsworth, and unanimously agreed to. The Chairman accordingly declared Mr. Steele to have been appointed to represent the Overtown Electoral Division on the County Council for the remaining period of the present Council's term of office.

The meeting appointed Mr. Steele to be a member of the County Road Board, the Hamilton Court Houses Committee, and the Explosives Committee (Hamilton District.)

Report of consent of Standing Joint-Committee.

There was submitted a report of consent of the Standing Joint-Committee of the County, given in pursuance of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, in relation to capital works and to the borrowing of the sums necessary to meet the expense thereof (forming Appendix I. to this minute), which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council.

Report by Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

There was laid before the meeting a report by the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures for the year ending 31st March last (forming Appendix II. to this minute), which had also been printed and sent to each member of the Council.

Reports of Analyst under Food and Drugs Acts.

In terms of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, there were laid before the meeting reports by the Public Analyst upon articles analysed by him during the quarters ending 31st December, 1911, and 31st March, 1912 (forming Appendices III. and IV. to this minute), which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council.

Reports of Analyst under Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act.

Reports by the District Analyst under the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act for the quarters ending 31st December, 1911, and 31st March, 1912 (forming Appendices V. and VI. to this minute), which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council, were submitted.

Return of expenses of deputations.

The Clerk laid before the meeting a return of the expenses of deputations for the year 1911 (forming Appendix VII. to this minute) which had been prepared in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the Council at their meetings on 11th May, 1899, and 15th December, 1908, and which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council.

County Medical Officer's Report.

The Clerk laid upon the table, in draft form, the County Medical Officer's Report for the year 1911, prints of which would, he stated, be sent when completed, to each member of the Council.

Reports of Sanitary Inspectors.

There were also laid upon the table copies of the Reports of the County Sanitary Inspectors for the Upper, Middle, and Lower Wards of the County for the year 1911, the report for the Middle Ward being in draft.

Minutes of Committees.

The following minutes of committees and Sub-Committees, and of the County Road Board, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council, were laid before the meeting, viz.:—

(1) Committee on Fire Brigades, of dates 13th December, 1911, and 7th February, 1912.

(2) Joint-Committee on Small Holdings, &c., of dates 14th December, 1911, and 3rd April, 1912.

(3) Explosives Committee for Lower Ward J.P. District, of date 20th December, 1911.

(4) Joint-Committee on Cambuslang Electric Lighting, &c., of dates, 20th December, 1911, 31st January and 20th March, 1912.

(5) General Purposes Committee, of dates 20th December, 1911, 21st February, 3rd April, and 1st May, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Burgh Police Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1911, of date 27th March, 1912.

(6) Committee on Hamilton Court Houses, &c., of dates 22nd and 27th December, 1911, and 9th February, 1912.

(7) Weights and Measures Committee, of dates 27th December, 1911, 24th January, 28th February, 27th March, and 24th April, 1912.

(8) Finance Committee, of dates, 10th January, 7th February, 6th March, 3rd April, and 1st May, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Collection of County Rates, of dates 6th and 27th December, 1911, 21st February, 13th and 27th March, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Scheme for Collection of County Rates, of date 3rd April, 1912.

(9) Committee on Special Districts, of date 17th January, and 1st May, 1912.

(10) County Road Board, of dates 17th January, 6th March, and 1st May, 1912.

Committee on proposed Reconstruction of Clyde Bridge, &c., of dates 24th January, 7th and 14th February, 1912.

(11) Parliamentary Bills Committee, of dates 17th January and 14th February, 1912.

Joint-Sub-Committee on Glasgow Boundaries Order, of dates 13th and 20th December, 1911, 7th February, 13th March, and 3rd April, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Representation of Shettleston and Tollcross District on County Council, of dates 14th February and 20th March, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Lanarkshire Tramways, of dates 21st February, 27th March, and 10th and 12th April, 1912.

Advisory Sub-Committee on Lanarkshire Tramways, of dates 31st January, 13th March, and 10th April, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Blantyre Gas, of dates 31st January, 13th and 27th March, 1912.

Sub-Committee on proposed Extension of Burgh of Renfrew, of date 7th February, 1912.

(12) Executive Committee, of dates 31st January, 21st February, and 1st May, 1912.

(13) Committee on Lanark Court-Houses, &c., of date 31st January, and 18th March, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Lanark Court-Houses, &c., of date 26th February, 1912.

(14) Joint-meeting of Lanark Court-House Commissioners and Joint-Committee for Management of County Buildings at Lanark, of dates 19th February and 18th March, 1912.

(15) Committee on Appeals against Assessments—Upper Ward, of date 19th February, 1912; Airdrie District, of date 14th February, 1912; Hamilton District, of date 21st February, 1912; Lower Ward, of date 14th February, 1912.

(16) Public Health Committee, of date 21st February, 1912.

(17) Committee on National Insurance Act, of date 28th February, 1912.

(18) Housing and Town Planning—Lower Ward, of date 6th March, 1912.

(19) Explosives Committee (Hamilton District), of dates 26th January, 23rd February, and 29th March, 1912.

(20) Explosives Committee (Airdrie District), of date 3rd April, 1912.

(21) Joint-Bridges Committee, of date 17th February, 1911, and Sub-Committees, of dates 7th March and 25th July, 1911.

Applications relative to borrowing.

The meeting thereafter resolved, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Finance Committee, to borrow the following sums on the security of the rates chargeable therewith, subject to the consent of the Standing Joint-Committee being obtained, in terms of the Statute, and it was remitted to the Finance Committee to obtain the amounts when required, and to fix the time or times within which they shall be repaid, and the meeting authorised the Convener or Vice-Convener and the Clerk to sign the minutes attached to the several applications, viz.:—

(*a*) £263 19s. 3d., being expenditure in connection with Mossplatt Reference and procuring of title to water supply for Forth Special Water District.

(*b*) £67 14s. 2d., being balance of expenditure incurred in connection with purchase of Gawn's Well spring for Lesmahagow Special Water District.

(*c*) £96 9s. 11d. for the taking over of a sewer in Glasgow Road, within Strathaven Special Drainage District.

(*d*) £1,100 for the laying of water pipe for the supply of proposed Epileptic Colony at East Muckcroft, within South Cadder Special Water District.

(*e*) £275 for the widening, &c., of New Stevenston Bridge, carrying the Cleekhimin Highway over a stream at New Stevenston, in the Parish of Bothwell.

(*f*) £2,000 for the erection of a public slaughter-house at Strathaven, in the Parish of Avondale.

(*g*) £2,000 for the erection of a public slaughter-house at Shotts, in the Parish of Shotts.

(*h*) £200 for putting down bores at Springfield, Carluke, in the vicinity of the source of the present water supply to Carluke Special Water District.

(*i*) £100 for the laying of a distributing pipe along the new street between Old Wishaw Road and Stewart Street, &c., in Carluke Special Water District.

(*j*) £50 for the extension of a sewer between Old Wishaw Road and Stewart Street, in Carluke Special Drainage District.

(*k*) £140 for the purchase and erection of lamps and the laying of service pipes, &c., in Bothwell Park Special Lighting District.

(*l*) £5,000 for the construction of new footpaths within the Middle Ward District for the year 1912-13.

(*m*) £100 for the acquisition of ground for sewage purification works in connection with Blantyre Special Drainage District.

(*n*) £202 12s. for the provision of lamps, &c., in connection with the electric lighting of certain streets within the Cambuslang Special Lighting District.

(*o*) £820 for the construction of sewers at Newton Rows within the Newton and Flemington Special Drainage District.

(*p*) £25 3s. 11d. to meet the additional cost of acquiring minerals under Middle Ward Hospital site near Motherwell.

(*q*) £1,100 for the erection of a new boiler-house and the provision of laundry plant, &c., at Shotts Hospital.

(*r*) £40 for the provision of wooden troughs with trestle supports at Westthorn Sewage Purification Works within Barony Special Drainage District.

(*s*) £1,600 for the construction of sewers and sewage purification works within the Carmunnock Special Drainage District.

(*t*) £60 for extending sewer in Lilybank Road, Muirhead, within Chryston and Muirhead Special Drainage District.

(*u*) £45 for laying of sewer pipe in Murphy's Lane, Muirhead, and extending water pipe at sewage purification works within Chryston and Muirhead Special Drainage District.

(*v*) £165 for additions to and alterations at Carluke Public Slaughter House.

(*w*) £70 for improved lifting appliances at Lesmahagow Public Slaughter House.

(*x*) £700, being balance of revised estimate of cost of erection of a bridge over the Clyde, between Carstairs and Pettinain, and construction of a new roadway in connection therewith.

(*y*) £75 for the extension of sewer in Auldhouse Road, within the East Kilbride Special Drainage District.

(*z*) £270 for the provision and erection of lamp pillars and lamps, and laying service pipes, &c., within the Cleland and Omoa Special Lighting District.

(*aa*) £35 for the construction of a sewer in new street at Strathaven Public Slaughter-house, within the Strathaven Special Drainage District.

Minutes of Finance Committee and Sub-Committees.—Amendment by Mr. Christie.

The meeting having proceeded to consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee in regard to the question of the Collection of County Rates, Mr. Christie moved, by way of ammendment, that the words "so far as possible" be substituted for the words "for next year" occurring in the second last paragraph of the Minutes of the Sub-Committee of date 3rd April, which was seconded by Mr. Jackson.

Amendment carried.

A vote having been taken, by way of a show of hands, as for and against the amendment, a majority voted in favour of it, and it was accordingly declared carried.

After discussion, the meeting, by a majority, agreed that further consideration of the Minutes of the Finance Committee and its Sub-Committees so far as relating to the question of the Collection of the County Rates be continued.

Minutes of General Purposes Committee.

Under reference to the minutes of the General Purposes Committee, attention was directed to the proposed By-laws for—

By-laws for regulating the assembling or procession of Bands.

(1) Regulating the assembling or the procession of bands in or upon any public highway or street or public place in the County;

By-laws for regulating the hours of opening and closing of places for public refreshment.

(2) Regulating the hours of opening and closing of places for public refreshment, &c.

Colonel Buchanan, Chairman of the Committee, made a statement with the object of eliciting the views of members of the Council with regard to the By-laws last referred to, and several Members of the Council having expressed their opinions thereon, consideration of the By-laws was continued, the Chairman having explained that owing to there not being present at the meeting the necessary two-thirds of the whole number of the Council the By-laws could not be made.

Approval of minutes.

The meeting thereafter, subject to the foregoing resolutions and explanation, unanimously approved of the minutes of the County Road Board, and of the Committees and Sub-Committees above-mentioned.

Appointment of committees.

The meeting thereafter proceeded to appoint, and appointed the following committees, viz.:—

I.—Quota of Standing Joint-Committee.

James Anderson.
J. P. Baird.
George Fraser.
Alexander Hamilton.
William Neilson.
Alexander Pillans.
William Speirs.

II.—Executive Committee under the Diseases of Animals Acts (also Committee under Small Holdings Act).

J. P. Baird.
William Barr.
James Cameron.
W. W. Chapman.
Thomas G. Cowan.
James Davidson.
James Duncan.
Charles A. Easson.
Samuel Forrest.
Alexander Hamilton.
John Jackson.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
James Young.
John M. Loudon.
William Love.
John M'Feat.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
David K. Michie.
Andrew Murdoch.
James C. Pollock.
James Prentice.
John D. Scott.
William Smith.
William Sym.
William Templeton.

This committee have entrusted to them, in terms of the Diseases of Animals Acts, all the powers of the Local Authority, except the power to levy a rate.

III.—Finance Committee.

William Barr.
Colonel Buchanan.
Robert G. Carson.
Walter C. B. Christie.
Thomas G. Cowan.
William L. Dyer.
George Fraser.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
Robert Lambie.
Colonel Logan.
Alexander Pillans.
John D. Scott.
William Speirs.
John Stewart.
William Templeton.
John Todd.
James C. Hope Vere.
Thomas Watt.

The committee were vested with all the powers which the County Council can competently delegate to them as a Finance Committee.

Lanark District Lunacy Board.

The Clerk having intimated the resignation of Mr. William M. Marshall as a member of the Council's quota of the Lanark District Lunacy Board, the meeting appointed Dr. Robertson to fill the vacancy.

IV.—Valuation Committees.

(1) *For the Upper Ward.*

J. P. Baird.
Sir Nathaniel Dunlop.
James H. Fenton.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
Walter Lindsay.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
Colonel Logan.
Andrew Murdoch.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
Alexander Pillans.
John D. Scott.
James C. Hope Vere.

(2) *For the Middle Ward.*

John Baxter.
Colonel Buchanan
Thomas G. Cowan.
William L. Dyer.
George Fraser.
Robert Lambie.
John M. Loudon.
John Loudon.
William Love.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
James Prentice.
Robert Sharp.
George Stalker.
William Sym.
William Templeton.

(3) *For the Lower Ward.*

John Adam.
James Anderson.
J. Raeside Auld.
Robert G. Carson.
Walter C. B. Christie.
William Davie.
Peter M. Martin.
Lawrence Maxton.
Andrew Mickel.
John M'Feat.
John Stewart.
James Walker.
David Watson.
John Wheatley.
James Young.

V.—Committee for Managing the Court Houses and the County Buildings at Hamilton.

Thomas Arnot.
William Barr.
James Cameron.
George Fraser.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
John Jackson.
Robert Lambie.
William Love.
William M. Marshall.
James C. Pollok.
Gavin A. Shanks.
James Steele.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
James Tonner.

VI.—Committee for Managing the Court Houses and County Buildings at Lanark.

J. P. Baird.	Colonel Logan.
Sir Nathaniel Dunlop.	Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
James H. Fenton.	Andrew Murdoch.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.	Alexander Pillans.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.	John D. Scott.
Walter Lindsay.	James C. Hope Vere.

VII.—The County Council's Quota of the Commission under the Act 3 and 4 William IV., Cap. 108, for Managing and Maintaining Public Offices at Lanark other than the Sheriff Court Houses.

J. P. Baird.	Colonel Logan.
Sir Nathaniel Dunlop.	Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
James H. Fenton.	Andrew Murdoch.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.	Alexander Pillans.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.	John D. Scott.
Walter Lindsay.	James C. Hope Vere.

VIII.—The County's Quota of the Glasgow Court House Commission.

Sir Nathaniel Dunlop.	James Prentice.
Joseph Halley.	Gavin A. Shanks.
Lawrence Maxton.	William Smith.
William Miller.	David Watson.
John M'Feat.	John Wheatley.

James Young.

IX.—Committee on Parliamentary Bills.

John Adam.	William Love.
James Anderson.	William M. Marshall.
Colonel Buchanan.	Peter M. Martin.
Robert G. Carson.	Lawrence Maxton.
James H. Fenton.	John D. Scott.
George Fraser.	Gavin A. Shanks.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Speirs.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.	William Sym.
Robert Lambie.	William Templeton.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.	James Tonner.

James C. Hope Vere.

The Council agreed that this committee be vested with powers to watch over and attend to Bills in Parliament or Provisional Orders, excepting those that the Council may remit to any other committee, and to take such steps thereanent as they may consider necessary, and to oppose or support any measure, local or otherwise, which, in their opinion, affects the interests of the County, and for these purposes to petition Parliament in name of the Council, and to employ agents and counsel and witnesses, and to do otherwise and farther in relation thereto as they may consider proper, and as the Council collectively could do.

X.—Committee on Fire Brigades.

John Adam.	Robert Lambie.
Thomas Arnot.	Walter Lindsay.
J. Raeside Auld.	William M. Marshall.
Colonel Buchanan.	Alexander R. Mitchell.
James Cameron.	Alexander Pillans.
William Davie.	John D. Scott.
James H. Fenton.	Robert Sharp.
Samuel Forrest.	William Sym.
George Fraser.	John Todd.
Alexander Hamilton.	Thomas Watt.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.	John Wheatley

XI.—Committees to represent the Council as Local Authority under the Explosives Acts.

(1) *For Lanark Justice of Peace District.*

J. P. Baird.
Sir Nathaniel Dunlop.
James H. Fenton.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
Andrew Murdoch.
Alexander Pillans.
James C. Hope Vere.

(2) *For Hamilton Justice of Peace District.*

Thomas Arnot.
William Barr.
Wm. L. Dyer.
Charles A. Easson.
Alexander Hamilton.
John Jackson.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
George Stalker.
James Steele.
John Todd.
James Tonner.

(3) *For Airdrie Justice of Peace District.*

John Baxter.
Colonel Buchanan.
W. W. Chapman.
John Loudon.
James Prentice.
Robert Sharp.
Thomas Watt.

(4) *For Glasgow Justice of Peace District.*

William Davie.
James Duncan.
John Gall.
Lawrence Maxton.
John M'Feat.
William Smith.
John Stewart.
David Watson.

XII.—Committee on Weights and Measures.

W. W. Chapman.
Thomas G. Cowan.
William Davie.
Charles A. Easson.
John Gall.
Joseph Halley.
Alexander Hamilton.
Colonel Logan.
Robert Lambie.
William Love.
David K. Michie.
Andrew Murdoch.
Hugh M'Lean.
James Prentice.
Gavin A. Shanks.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
James Tonner.
James Walker.

The Council resolved that this committee be entrusted with all the powers of the Council as Local Authority under the Weights and Measures Acts.

XIII.—Public Health Committee.

John Adam.
Thomas Arnot.
J. Raeside Auld.
J. P. Baird.
John Baxter.
Colonel Buchanan.
James Cameron.
Thomas G. Cowan.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Alexander Hamilton.
John Jackson.
Robert Lambie.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
William Love.
David K. Michie.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
James Prentice.
John D. Scott.
Gavin A. Shanks.
Robert Sharp.
William Speirs.
James Tonner.
James C. Hope Vere.
John Wheatley.

XIV.—Committee on Special Districts.

John Adam.
James Anderson.
J. Raeside Auld.
John Baxter.
W. W. Chapman.
Walter C. B. Christie.
George Fraser.
Alexander Hamilton.
Robert Lambie.
David K. Michie.
Alexander Pillans.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
John D. Scott.
Gavin A Shanks.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
James Tonner.
John Todd.
James C. Hope Vere.
Thomas Watt.

The above committee were entrusted with all the powers of the Council with respect to the formation or extension of special lighting and scavenging districts under the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894, and amending Acts.

XV.—Committee on Appeals against Rates.

For the District of the Upper Ward.

James H. Fenton.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
Andrew Murdoch.
Alexander Pillans.
James C. Hope Vere.

For the Hamilton District of the Middle Ward.

Thomas Arnot.
James Cameron.
Thomas G. Cowan.
Alexander Hamilton.
John Jackson.
William Love.
James C. Pollok.
Dr. Robertson.
William Sym.
William Templeton.

For the Airdrie District of the Middle Ward.

John Baxter.
Colonel Buchanan.
W. W. Chapman.
Thomas G. Cowan.
John Loudon.
Robert Sharp.
Thomas Watt.

For the District of the Lower Ward.

John Adam.
James Anderson.
Robert G. Carson.
Joseph Halley.
Hugh M'Lean.
David K. Michie.
Andrew Mickel.
John Stewart,
James Walker.
John Wheatley.

XVI.—Committee under Inebriates Acts.

J. Raeside Auld.
William Barr.
Walter C. B. Christie.
William Davie.
James H. Fenton.
Alexander Hamilton.
William Love.
Dr. Robertson.
John D. Scott.
Gavin A. Shanks.

To this committee were entrusted all the powers of the Council under the Inebriates Acts.

XVII.—Joint Sub-Committee on Cambuslang Electric Lighting and Refuse Destruction Works.

Colonel Buchanan.
Owen Coyle.
Robert Lambie.
William Love.
Gavin A. Shanks.
John Todd.
James Tonner.

XVIII.—Electric Lighting Orders.

John Adam.
James Anderson.
Thomas Arnot.
George Fraser.
Alexander Hamilton.
Peter M. Martin.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
John D. Scott.
Gavin A. Shanks.
William Speirs.
James C. Hope Vere.

XIX.—General Purposes Committee.

Colonel Buchanan.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
Alexander Hamilton.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
John Jackson.
Colonel Logan.
John Loudon.
James T. Macdonald.
Hugh M'Lean.
Andrew Mickel.
William Speirs.
William Sym.
James Tonner.
James C. Hope Vere.

It was agreed to entrust this committee with all the powers which the County Council could competently delegate to them under the Shops Act, 1912.

XX.—National Insurance Committee.

J. P. Baird.
George Fraser.
Robert Lambie.
David K. Michie.
John D. Scott.
William Speirs.
James Tonner.
James C. Hope Vere.
John Wheatley.

XXI.—Representatives to County Councils' Association.

John D. Scott.
William Speirs.
Colonel King Stewart.
James C. Hope Vere.
The County Clerk.

XXII.—Business Committee.

The Convener, Vice-Convener, and the Chairmen of the several District Committees.

The Convener and Vice-Convener were, in terms of the Standing Orders, appointed *ex officio* members of all committees and sub-committees, with the exception of the Standing Joint Committee and such other committees as are limited by law in point of numbers.

The meeting agreed that each committee should appoint its own chairman and fix its own quorum, except in cases where the quorum is regulated by statute.

Glasgow Veterinary College, Incorporated.—Appointment of Governors.

The Clerk submitted a communication, dated 7th current, from Mr. Alexander Russell, Secretary to the Glasgow Veterinary College, Incorporated, stating that, in terms of the Articles of the Association of the College, Mr. John D. Scott's term of office as representative of the Council on the Board of Governors would expire in June next, and that, in view of the fact that the Council had agreed to contribute 75 guineas towards the Revenue Fund of the College for next year, they were now entitled to appoint three persons to act as Governors. The meeting, after discussion, re-appointed Mr. John D. Scott to be a Governor of the College, and appointed Mr. Templeton and Mr. Christie to be the additional Governors.

Communication from Secretary, War Office, London, transmitting new scheme for Establishment and Constitution of Territorial Force Association.

The Clerk laid before the meeting a communication from the Secretary, War Office, London, dated 11th January, transmitting copy of new scheme for the Establishment and Constitution of the Territorial Force Association of the County of Lanark.

Communications from Clerk to District Committee of Middle Ward regarding—

There were submitted communications from Clerk to District Committee of Middle Ward :—

(1) Dated 2nd April, 1912; transmitting resolution by District Committee enlarging the boundaries of the East Kilbride Special Drainage District ;

(1) Enlargement of East Kilbride Drainage District ;

(2) Dated 2nd April, 1912, transmitting resolution by District Committee approving of the formation of a Special Lighting District in the Parishes of New Monkland and Shotts to include Glengowan and Caldercruix.

(2) Formation of Special Lighting District to include Glengowan and Caldercruix.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS

FOR

REGULATING THE ASSEMBLING OR THE PROCESSION OF BANDS IN OR UPON ANY PUBLIC HIGHWAY OR STREET OR PUBLIC PLACE IN THE COUNTY OF LANARK.

WHEREAS, it is provided by the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, Section 57, Sub-section (1), as follows:—

> "The Council of a County may from time to time make such by-laws as to them seem meet for the administration of the affairs of the County, for the prevention of vagrancy, and for the prevention and suppression of nuisances not already punishable in a summary manner by virtue of any Act in force throughout the County, and may thereby appoint such penalties, not exceeding in any case Five pounds, as they may deem necessary, for the punishment of offences against the same."

AND WHEREAS, it is found that the assembling or procession of bands composed of persons carrying musical instruments, or weapons, or flags, banners, or other devices in or through the roads and streets in the County, frequently leads to riotous and lawless conduct and behaviour, and provokes and causes breaches of the public peace.

AND WHEREAS, it is expedient that such bands should not be allowed to assemble in public places or to proceed along the highways and streets in the County when there is reasonable apprehension that their doing so will lead to disturbance of the public peace:

THEREFORE, and in virtue of the powers above quoted, the County Council of the County of Lanark do hereby make the following By-laws, viz.:—

1. Before any band of persons carrying musical instruments or weapons, or flags, banners, or other devices shall be allowed to assemble on or to proceed upon or along any public place, highway, or street in the County of Lanark they shall obtain a permit to do so from the said County Council, which permit, if granted, may prescribe the route such band shall follow, and contain such conditions relating to the preservation of order as the County Council may attach thereto.

2. Application for a permit under this By-law must be made in writing to the County Clerk of the said County Council not later than five days prior to the date to which the permit is proposed to apply.

3. Any person, after this date, taking part in any such assemblings or processions, unless acting under and in accordance with a permit as aforesaid, shall be liable in a penalty not exceeding in any case £5 for each offence.

These By-laws shall have effect and be in force in the whole of the County of Lanark, exclusive of the Burghs and Police Burghs therein.

Made by the County Council of the County of Lanark at a Special General Meeting held at Glasgow, on the Seventh day of June, Nineteen hundred and twelve.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

County Offices,
Hamilton, , 1912.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 5th June, 1912, being a meeting of the Committee of the County Council of Lanark appointed with reference to the National Insurance Act, 1911. — 5th June, 1912.

Present—

George Fraser. | William Neilson.
Robert Lambie. | William Speirs.
David K. Michie. | Colonel King Stewart.

James C. Hope Vere.

Attending—

Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

Mr. Neilson, and thereafter, Colonel King Stewart, chairman of the committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 28th February last, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the committee and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting of the committee, the Clerk reported that, by arrangement with the Insurance Commissioners, lectures explanatory of the Act had been delivered in various parts of the County under the auspices of the County Council, and he submitted a list (Appendix I.) of the places at which such lectures had been given. — *Lectures delivered in County under auspices of County Council.*

He also stated that, on the suggestion of Mr. Auld, a lecture had been arranged to be delivered at Millerston on the 13th current. — *Lecture to be delivered at Millerston.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting the following communications, viz. :— — *Communications.*

(1) National Health Insurance Commission (Scotland), of date 6th May, 1912, directing attention to the provisions of the Act, especially to the provisions of part 1 thereof in its relation to County Councils.

(2) Local Government Board, of date 29th May, 1912, directing attention to the provisions of the Act, with special reference to those sections dealing with the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis, with a copy of Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis therein referred to.

(3) National Health Insurance Commission (Scotland), of date 29th May, directing attention to the sections of the Act under which exception may, in certain cases, be given from the provisions of the Act relating to compulsory health insurance, and enclosing forms of application for certificate of exception.

(4) National Health Insurance Commission (Scotland), of date 31st May, relating to the constitution of a Provisional Insurance Committee for Lanarkshire, a copy of which forms Appendix II. to this minute.

Statements sent to committee.

The Clerk stated that he had sent to each member of the committee a copy of each of the first two communications above referred to, together with a copy of the Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis.

Notes by Clerk.

The Clerk also laid before the committee notes prepared by him on the Act for the information of the committee (Appendix III.).

Recommendations to County Council.

The meeting, having considered the notes and the communications above mentioned, agreed meantime to recommend the County Council as follows, viz. :—

(1) That the members of this Committee, with the addition of Mr. James H. Fenton and Mr. Alexander R. Mitchell, be appointed to be members of the Provisional Insurance Committee for the county, and

(2) That it be remitted to the Committee to nominate (*a*) two additional members of the Council's quota who must be women, (*b*) two medical practitioners, and (*c*) two representatives of deposit contributors.

The Meeting agreed that the County Medical Officer, if eligible, should be one of the medical members to be appointed.

Provision of sanatoria.

As regards the provision of sanatoria, the committee were agreed that it is desirable that they should confer with the District Committees and with the Town Councils of the several burghs in the county on the subject, and that it be remitted to the committee to take such steps in this direction as they may consider advisable.

Application of Act to employees of County Council.

The committee, having considered the application of the Act to the employees of the County Council, continued the question as to whether exception should be applied for, pending a decision of the several District Committees and the Standing Joint-Committee, as regards the members of the Police Force.

Question of forming an approved Society.

With regard to the question of the expediency of forming an approved Society for the County, the meeting, after full consideration, were of opinion that the formation of such a Society would affect prejudicially the interests of Friendly and Trades Union Societies, and resolved to recommend the County Council that an approved Society be not formed.

Recommendation to remit to Committee with powers.

The meeting, after discussion of other points referred to in the Notes prepared by the Clerk, continued them for consideration, and agreed to recommend the County Council that this Committee be entrusted with all the powers of the Council which the Council can competently delegate to them under the Act.

Communications from Insurance Societies.

The Clerk submitted numerous communications which he had received from superintendents and managers of insurance societies relating to the constitution of local insurance committees, but he stated that the appointment of such committees appeared to be a matter which would fall to be dealt with by the Insurance Committee, of which the County Council appointed a quota only, and that he proposed to refer the several correspondents to the clerk of that committee when appointed.

Communication from National Health Insurance Commission (Scotland) for use of County Council offices for first few meetings, &c.

The Clerk submitted a further communication which he had received from the Secretary of the National Health Insurance Commission (Scotland), of date 4th current, stating that he had been directed by the Commissioners to say that they would be glad if the County Council could see their way to allowing the use of their offices for the first few meetings of the Provisional Committee, and, if the necessity should arise, to lending the services of some of their staff for the initial stages of the proceedings. The meeting agreed that the request of the Commissioners should be granted.

APPENDIX I.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911.

List of places at which lectures on subject of the above Act were delivered under auspices of County Council.

Name of District.	Place of Meeting.	Date.
Lectures delivered by Councillor Alexander Scott—		1912.
Law (Carluke, Law, and Braidwood),	Wilson Hall,	2nd April.
Newmains,	Newmains Public School,	2nd April.
Carnwath,	Masonic Hall,	5th April.
Lesmahagow,	Jubilee Public Hall,	10th April.
New Stevenston (New Stevenston, Carfin, Holytown, and Newarthill),	Public School,	11th April.
Cleland (Cleland and Omoa),	Public School,	11th April.
Strathaven,	Crosshill Public School,	13th April.
High Blantyre (Blantyre and High Blantyre),	Parish Church Hall,	13th April.
Lectures delivered by A. R. Brown, Esq., Advocate—		
Bothwell,	Mission Hall,	4th April.
Uddingston (Uddingston, Aitkenhead, and Tannochside),	Public Hall,	4th April.
Chapelhall (Chapelhall and Calderbank),	Public School,	5th April.
Baillieston,	Public School,	5th April.
Bishopbriggs,	Bishopbriggs H.G. School,	6th April.
Stepps (Millerston and Stepps),	Stepps Road Public School,	8th April.
Tollcross (Shettleston and Tollcross),	Victoria U.F. Church Hall,	9th April.
Carmunnock,	Castlemilk Hall,	10th April.

APPENDIX II.

National Health Insurance Commission (Scotland),
42 Frederick Street, Edinburgh,
31st May, 1912.

SIR,

INSURANCE COMMITTEES.

With reference to Circular Letter No. I.C. 1, of 6th inst., from this Department, I am directed by the Scottish Insurance Commissioners to inform you that, owing to the need for setting up the Insurance Committees immediately and previous to the commencement of the Act, the Commissioners have found it necessary, in order to overcome certain difficulties connected with the representation of insured persons on the Insurance Committees, that the first committees should be constituted by means of an Order under Section 78 of the Act. They have also decided that the Insurance Committees about to be constituted in each area shall be Provisional Committees only, and shall be replaced by committees appointed, in accordance with the provisions of Section 59 on 15th July, 1913, or on some earlier date, if found practicable.

I am further to inform you that the Commissioners have determined that the Provisional Committee for the County of Lanark shall consist of 75 members. Of this number the County Council will be entitled to appoint 15 members, being one-fifth of the whole committee, in terms of Sub-section 2 (*b*) of Section 59 of the Act.

5th June, 1912.

From Proviso II. to the sub-section just mentioned it will be observed that of the members to be appointed by the Council, two at least must be women. It will further be seen from Section 80 (7) that no person, except a medical practitioner qualified as such, is qualified for appointment as a member of the committee, by a County Council, unless he is a member of a local authority within the County under the Public Health (Scotland) Act of 1897; but this requirement will not apply to women, if women so qualified are not available. The Commissioners are advised by the Law Officers of the Crown that every Burgh with less than 20,000 inhabitants is, for the purposes of the National Insurance Act, a local authority within the County under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, and those eligible for appointment by the County Council as members of the Insurance Committee consequently will include the members of the Town Councils of the Burghs referred to.

I am also to request that the County Council will appoint two duly qualified medical practitioners to be members of the committee, in terms of Sub-section 2 (d) of Section 59 of the Act.

The Commissioners are very anxious that the Committee shall be fully constituted not later that 28th June, and I have accordingly to ask that the County Council will be good enough before that date to carry through the appointment of its quota as indicated above. When the appointments have been made it will be obliging if you will furnish a list of the names and addresses of all persons so appointed.

The Commissioners have also determined that two places shall be reserved on the Committee for persons who might be regarded as representing the Deposit Contributors. In the absence of an association of such contributors on whom the right of appointment might be conferred, in terms of Proviso (i.) to Sub-Section 2 of Section 59 of the Act, the Commissioners think that, in the circumstances, the County Council, with its intimate knowledge of the conditions prevailing within its area, is perhaps the best body to suggest names of persons who might be appointed to represent such contributors. The Commissioners would, therefore, be glad if the County Council would nominate two persons whom the Commissioners might appoint to represent the Deposit Contributor class. In making these nominations the Commissioners would suggest that the County Council should, as far as possible, select persons who are in employment and, therefore, liable to be compulsorily insured, or, failing these, who are specially qualified to look after the interests of the insured persons.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) JOHN JEFFREY,
Secretary.

The County Clerk,
Hamilton.

APPENDIX III.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911.

NOTES BY THE COUNTY CLERK.

The provisions of this important Act have now been before the public for some time, and have been much canvassed. They are far reaching in their effects, and not a little difficult in application, and it is therefore not to be wondered at that dubiety still exists in regard to many points that arise.

So far as the Act bears on the administrative relations of the County Council to it, its provisions may, however, be put in the simplest manner, and with an avoidance of detail, as being unnecessary at this stage.

Reference is made to a circular-letter issued by the National Health Insurance Commissioners for Scotland (6th May, 1912, No. I.C. 1), which deals in a comprehensive way with the relations and duties of County Councils to the scheme of National Insurance inaugurated by the Act. The provisions of the Act, as detailed in the communication referred to, are briefly as follows:—

I.—Constitution of Insurance Committees on Insurance.

An Insurance Committee will be constituted for Lanarkshire (excluding the Burghs of Govan, Partick, Motherwell, Wishaw, Hamilton, Airdrie, Coatbridge, and Rutherglen, for each of which a separate Committee will be set up). In the Lanarkshire Committee will be included the Burghs of Lanark and Biggar.

The Insurance Commissioners have intimated that they desire that a Provisional Committee for Lanarkshire should be set up at once, and they have taken advantage of the provisions of Section 78 of the Act to enable this to be done. This Committee will be replaced at a later date by a Committee appointed under Section 59 of the Act.

The Provisional Committee of Lanarkshire is to consist of	*75 members.*
of this number the County Council require to appoint one-fifth, viz., ...	*15 members.*
of this number there must be at least *2 women.*	
The County Council will also appoint qualified medical men, ...	*2* „
The remainder will be appointed by the Insurance Commissioners, ...	*58* „
	75 members.

The Insurance Commissioners state that they have agreed that 2 places shall be reserved on the Committee for persons who might be regarded as representing the deposit contributors, and they ask that the County Council should nominate two such persons. It is suggested that in making the recommendation the Council should "as far as possible, select persons who are in

employment, and, therefore, liable to be compulsorily insured, or failing these, persons who are specially qualified to look after the interests of insured persons."

It accordingly falls to the County Council now to appoint 15 representatives, 13 of whom must be members of the County Council (the representatives of the Burghs of Biggar and Lanark being eligible for nomination), and 2 of whom must be women. As there are no women members of Public Health Authorities in Lanarkshire, the women representatives will have to be selected from outwith the members of Public Health Authorities. In addition, the County Council will appoint *two* medical practitioners and recommend *two* representatives of deposit contributors.

The representation of the County Council on the Insurance Committee may be increased if any part of the cost of medical or sanatorium benefit is defrayed by the County Council under the powers for that purpose conferred by the Act, and after referred to.

The Insurance Committee, when constituted, are required to put forward a scheme for the establishment of District Insurance Committees. Each Burgh under 20,000 (*i.e.*, in Lanarkshire the Burghs of Lanark and Biggar) must have established, either for itself or as the centre of a "grouped" district, a District Insurance Committee.

Before such scheme is prepared, the Insurance Committee must consult with the County Council or its appropriate Committee, and must consider any representation which the Council or its Committee may make in regard to the District Committee.

II.—Contribution towards Excess Expenditure of Insurance Committees.

The County Council and the Treasury may respectively voluntarily contribute one-half of any deficiency in the accounts of an Insurance Committee in respect of the provision of medical benefits. Such contribution, if made, may, as above mentioned, entitle the County Council to additional representation on the Insurance Committee.

III.—Further Contributions and Assistance by County Council to Insurance Committees.

A County Council may subscribe such sums as it thinks fit towards the general expenditure of an Insurance Committee.

It may also grant the use of its offices, either with or without payment, for meetings or the transaction of business of an Insurance Committee or a District Committee or an approved Friendly Society. It may also grant permission to the County Medical Officer to attend meetings of the Insurance Committee for the purpose of giving advice or rendering assistance to the Committee.

IV.—General Financial Obligations.

The County Council may be called upon to pay the cost of local enquiries and investigations ordered by the Local Government Board other than those with respect to responsibility for excessive sickness.

V.—Reports of Insurance Committees.

The Insurance Commissioners must furnish the County Council with copies of Reports, Returns, &c., relating to the health of insured persons in the County, especially such returns as will enable the County Council to make an analysis of the number of insured persons in the County who are not members of approved societies.

VI.—County Approved Society.

The Act authorises a County Council to establish, if they deem this expedient, an approved Society for the County.

This, and the question of the provision of Sanatoria, are probably the most important provisions of the Act in its relation to the duties of the County Council. If it is decided to establish a County approved Society, this must be done within one year from the commencement of the Act (*i.e.*, on or before 15th July, 1913).

Whether there is room for the establishment of such a Society can only be determined on an ascertainment of the facts relating to the number of insured persons who have or will become members of the Friendly Societies already in existence or to be established. When it is borne in mind that the Act confers only very partial benefits on insured persons who are not members of Friendly Societies, the importance of securing that all insured persons should be removed from the category of being merely "deposit contributors" will be apparent.

The enquiries that have so far been made go to show that, notwithstanding the activity of the Friendly Societies, there are still in the County a large number of persons who are not yet members of any Society. This is especially the case as regards women workers such as domestic servants, and clerks, shop assistants, &c. Whether the benefit of a County Society, if established, would appeal to these classes, is of course a matter of opinion, but it is suggested that as the provisions of the Act become better known and the disadvantages of the mere "deposit contributor" are realised, many persons who would not be inclined to join an ordinary Friendly Society would probably take advantage of the opportunity of joining a County Society. Such a Society would of course offer the advantage of absolute financial stability, and the methods of joining it could be made simple and expeditious.

The establishment of such a Society would add to the responsibilities of the County Council, but no great difficulty in constituting and carrying it on need be apprehended.

VII.—Sanatoria.

The duties of the County Council in regard to this important matter are fully set out in the circular-letter from the Insurance Commissioners already referred to, and in the relative letter from the Local Government Board (P.H. Circular III., 1912). Shortly put, the position is that the County Council may, in the event of a Parliamentary Grant being made to them for the purpose, and if authorised by the Local Government Board, build, manage, and maintain Sanatoria and other institutions for the treatment of

tuberculosis and such other diseases as may be appointed by the Board with the approval of the Treasury. The County Council are authorised to rate for the expenses of such institutions.

It will therefore be the duty of the County Council to enquire into the provision already existing in the County for the treatment of patients suffering from tuberculosis, and in doing so regard should be had to the action taken by the several District Committees, which, as is known, has placed Lanarkshire in a foremost place in regard to the treatment of tuberculosis.

The Board suggest that the Medical Officer of Health should forthwith make a Report upon the existing conditions in the County as to its requirements in respect of patients suffering from tuberculosis, and this will no doubt be instructed. The nature of the Report required is indicated on page 5 of the circular-letter referred to.

In considering whether further provision in the direction indicated is required, due regard should be had to the advantages of co-operation in providing such additional institutions or accommodation as may be found necessary. Should the need for further provision be proved, it might be well, therefore, if the County Council invited the co-operation of the Burgh Authorities.

VIII.—The County Council as Employers.

These notes have so far dealt with the duties of the County Council as an administrative authority. There is, however, another aspect which requires consideration, viz., the obligations of the County Council as employers of labour.

The Act provides that persons in the employment of any Local Authority which can show that the terms of employment applicable to their servants are such as to secure to such servants a provision in respect of *sickness* and *disablement* on the whole *not less favourable* than the benefits provided by the Act, may be exempted from the provisions of the Act.

The County Council, as an administrative authority, themselves employ a comparatively small number of employees who would in ordinary course come under the Act. The number is limited to such officers as the Inspectors under the Food and Drugs Acts, the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts, certain of the officials of the Weights and Measures Department, and a number of the clerks in the County and Public Health Offices.

In addition the Act applies to the great majority of the members of the County Police Force, but it is believed that exemption will be asked in respect that the existing benefits applicable to the members of that Force are equal to those proposed by the Act.

The District Committees are the largest employers of servants to whom the Act applies, and they will require to decide the matter for themselves. In this connection reference is made to the exhaustive Report prepared by Mr. Whyte, the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee, the effect of which is to show that a claim for exemption would be to the pecuniary advantage of that Committee. It is believed that a similar course would be to the advantage of the County Council.

T.M.

1st June, 1912.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COUNTY OFFICES,

HAMILTON, 1*st November*, 1912.

SIR,

I am to intimate that a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the County Council of this County will be held in the SHERIFF'S ORDINARY COURT, County Buildings, Glasgow (entrance by 40 WILSON STREET), *upon Wednesday, 13th November, at Two o'clock p.m.*, for the purpose of considering a report by the Parliamentary Bills Committee relative to the promotion of a Provisional Order or Private Bill to authorise the construction of additional works in connection with the Middle Ward Water Undertaking, including a reservoir to be situate on the stream called Camps Water, in the Parish of Crawford; to confer powers upon the County Council to borrow money for the purpose of the Undertaking, and to levy assessments; to acquire land by compulsion or agreement; to extend the limits of the Middle Ward Water District; to authorise the abandonment of the Glengavel Reservoir, authorised by the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Act, 1896; to amend or repeal certain provisions of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Acts and other Statutes; to confer further powers upon the County Council and the District Committee, or either of them; and for other purposes.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

STATUTORY MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD IN THE

COUNTY HALL, HAMILTON,

On THURSDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1912,

AT TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON.

AGENDA.

1. Chair to be taken.
2. Sederunt to be taken.
3. Statutory Authority for and Notice of Meeting to be read.
4. Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council, held on 7th June, 1912.
5. Appointment of Representative to Clyde Navigation Trust.
6. Report of Consent by the Standing Joint-Committee.
7. Report of the County Road Board.
8. Report of Finance Committee and Estimate of Rates
9. Consider Estimates and impose Rates.
10. Fix date for payment of Rates and date for lodging Appeals.
11. Appoint Committees for hearing and disposing of Appeals.
12. Instruct as to collection of Rates charged on Railway Companies.
13. Appoint Collectors of Consolidated Rates.
14. Remit to Finance Committee to make Regulations for Collection of Rates, with powers.

15. Reports by District Committees—

    (1) Upper Ward.
    (2) Middle Ward.
    (3) Lower Ward.

16. Report by County Analyst under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts for quarter ending 30th June, 1912.

17. Report by District Agricultural Analyst under Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1906, for quarter ending 30th June, 1912.

18. Minutes of the following Committees :—

    (1) Valuation Committee, Upper, Middle, and Lower Wards, of date 9th May, 1912; Upper Ward, of date 16th September, 1912; Middle Ward, of dates 10th and 12th September, 1912; Lower Ward, of date 13th September, 1912.

    (2) Committee on Inebriates Act, of date 15th May, 1912.

    (3) Public Health Committee, of dates 22nd May, 24th July, and 25th September, 1912.

    Sub-Committee on County Medical Officer's Staff, of date 25th September, 1912.

    (4) Weights and Measures Committee, of dates 22nd May, 26th June, 24th July, and 25th September, 1912.

    (5) Parliamentary Bills Committee, of dates 22nd and 29th May, 5th and 26th June, 8th and 24th July, and 2nd October, 1912.

    Joint Sub-Committee on Glasgow Boundaries Order, of dates 22nd May and 29th May, and 5th and 26th June, 1912.

    Advisory Sub-Committee on Glasgow Boundaries Order, of date 26th June, 1912.

    Special Sub-Committee on Glasgow Boundaries Order, of date 8th July, 1912.

    Sub-Committee on Blantyre Gas, of dates 29th May and 19th June 1912.

    Sub-Committee on Lanarkshire Tramways, of dates 20th June and 2nd October, 1912.

    Advisory Sub-Committee on Lanarkshire Tramways, of dates 29th May and 12th and 19th June, 1912.

    (6) General Purposes Committee, of dates 29th May, 17th July, and 25th September, 1912.

    Sub-Committee on Shops Act, of dates 12th June and 13th September, 1912.

    "Comet" Centenary.

    By-laws for the Regulation of Advertisements, &c.

    (7) Committee on National Insurance Act, of dates 12th, and 26th June, and 24th July, 1912.

    Joint-Committee on National Insurance Act, of dates 8th and 14th August, 1912.

(8) Finance Committee, of dates 5th June, 3rd and 31st July, 11th September, and 2nd October, 1912.

Resolutions to borrow the following monies, viz. :—

(*a*) £3,000 for the introduction of a gravitation water supply to Symington Special Water District from springs on the estate of St. John's Kirk ;

(*b*) £120 for two extensions of the distributing pipes in the Forth Special Water District ;

(*c*) £900 for the erection of a public slaughter-house at Forth ;

(*d*) £130 for the reconstruction of a sewer in Crofthead Street, Uddingston, within the Uddingston Special Drainage District ;

(*e*) £200 for the provision and erection of lamp pillars and lamps and the laying of service pipes within the Glengowan and Caldercruix Special Lighting District ;

(*f*) £343, being the purchase price of sewers in connection with the Hamilton Road Special Drainage District ;

(*g*) £12 for the purchase of five new lamp heads and the erection of three additional lamps within the Baillieston Special Lighting District ;

(*h*) £2,700 for the erection of additional buildings and the provision of a new boiler, &c., at Stonehouse Hospital ;

(*i*) £19, being the proportion payable by the Middle Ward District Committee for the erection of a wash-house in connection with the chauffeur's house and the erection of a store for petrol at Lightburn Joint-Hospital ;

(*j*) £400 for the provision of additional fire hydrants in the District of the Middle Ward ;

(*k*) £10 for the extension of distributing pipe in Carnwath Special Water District ;

(*l*) £10 for the extension of sewer in Carnwath Special Drainage District.

(*m*) £550 for the lease of ground at Millheugh, Larkhall for the erection of purification works in connection with Larkhall Special Drainage District ;

(*n*) £350 for an improvement at the junction of the Stonehall and Newmill Highways near Chantinghall, Hamilton, in the Parish of Hamilton ;

(*o*) £111 for the reconstruction of sewer in Main Street, Halfway, Cambuslang, within the Cambuslang Special Drainage District.

Sub-Committee on Staff Salaries, of date 31st July, 1912.

Conference regarding House Letting and Rating Act, of date 7th August, and Sub-Committee, of date 14th August, 1912.

Fix date for repayment of claims under Section 7 (3) of House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1912.

Appoint County Clerk the officer to call for returns from owners under Section 7 (4).

(9) Committee on Fire Brigades, of dates of 26th June and 25th September, 1912.

(10) Executive Committee, of dates 3rd and 17th July, 28th August, and 4th, 18th, and 25th September, 1912.

(11) County Road Board, of date 4th September, 1912.

(12) Joint-Committee on Cambuslang Electric Lighting, &c., of date 25th September, 1912.

(13) Joint Sub-Committee on Telephone Rates, &c., of date 22nd May, 1912.

(14) Explosives Committee (Airdrie District), of dates 28th June, 19th July, and 30th September, 1912.

(15) Explosives Committee (Hamilton District), of date 26th July, 1912.

19. Communication from Clerk to Dalserf Parish Council, of date 30th August, 1912, transmitting Petition by the Parish Council for the appointment of an additional representative on the County Council from the Parish of Dalserf.

20. Petition by ratepayers in Shettleston against decision of District Committee of Lower Ward regarding the acceptance of a contract for the removal of refuse.

21. Deeds of Signature :—

Feu Contract between William Riddell (with consents) and the County Council of site of Public Slaughterhouse at Strathaven ;

Minute of Agreement (in duplicate) between James C. Hope Vere, of Blackwood, and the County Council in connection with Dunduff Quarry.

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MINUTES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At GLASGOW, and within the Jury Court No. 1, County Buildings, there, upon Friday, the 7th day of June, 1912, being a Special General Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark, intimated and called in terms of the Notice hereinafter inserted. 7th June, 1912.

Present--

John Adam.
James Anderson.
Thomas Arnot.
J. Raeside Auld.
William Barr.
John Baxter.
Colonel Buchanan.
James Cameron.
W. W. Chapman.
Walter C. B. Christie.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
John Jackson.
Robert Lambie.
Colonel Logan.
David K. Michie.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
Andrew Murdoch.
Rev. C. M'Kune.
William Neilson.
Alexander Pillans.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
John Dick Scott.
Gavin A. Shanks.
Robert Sharp.
William Speirs.
James Steele.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Templeton.
James C. Hope Vere.
Thomas Watt.
Walter Lindsay.
George Stalker.
Charles A. Easson.
Dr. Robertson.
Robert G. Carson.
James Duncan.
Lawrence Maxton.
Andrew Mickel.
Hugh M'Lean.
Joseph Halley.
Peter M. Martin.
William Smith.
James Young.
David Kirk.
Rev. Samuel Lindsay.
George Neilson.
Dr. O'Neill, M.P.
Samuel Forrest.
David Hardie.

James T. Macdonald.

Colonel King Stewart, Convener of the County, presiding. *Chairman.*

7th June, 1912.

Notices calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notices calling the meeting, which were in the following terms, viz.:—

County Offices,
Hamilton, 29th May, 1912.

SIR,

I am to request your attendance at a Special Meeting of the County Council, to be held in the JURY COURT No. 1, County Buildings, Glasgow (entrance by 149 Ingram Street), *on Friday, 7th proximo, at Twelve o'clock Noon,* to dispose of the business left over from the May Statutory Meeting of the Council, including:—

(1) The Minutes of the Finance Committee so far as relating to the question of the Collection of County Rates;

(2) By-laws regulating the hours of opening and closing of places for public refreshment, &c.; and

(3) By-laws regulating the assembling or procession of bands in or upon any public highway or street or public place in the County.

I shall send you before the date of meeting copies of the Minutes of the Finance Committee referred to, and also copies of the proposed By-laws.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

COUNTY OFFICES,

HAMILTON, *5th June, 1912.*

SIR,

I am directed to state that, in addition to the business mentioned in the Notice calling the Meeting of the County Council to be held in the JURY COURT No. 1, COUNTY BUILDINGS, GLASGOW, *on Friday next, 7th current, at Twelve o'clock noon,* there will be submitted to the Meeting recommendations by the Committee appointed under the National Insurance Act, 1911, with reference, *inter alia,* to appointments to be made by the County Council to the Provisional Insurance Committee for Lanarkshire. A Print of the Minutes of the Committee containing their recommendations on the subject accompanies this.

I am, SIR,
Your obedient Servant,
THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

Minutes of last meeting.

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Council, held on 9th May last, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Bye-laws for regulating the hours of opening and closing of places for public refreshment, &c.

The Clerk having submitted a print of proposed By-laws for regulating the hours of opening and closing of Places for Public Refreshment, &c. Mr. William Neilson moved that the County Council make the By-laws, which was seconded by Mr. Jackson.

Amendment by Mr. Adam.

By way of amendment, Mr. Adam moved that the By-laws be continued for further consideration, which was seconded by Mr. Hardie.

A vote having been taken by way of a show of hands as for and against the amendment, a majority voted against it, and it was accordingly declared lost. *Amendment lost.*

By way of further amendment, Mr. Hope Vere moved that the By-laws be modified to the extent of allowing Places for Public Refreshment in the Upper Ward District of the County to be open on Sundays from one o'clock p.m. to eight o'clock p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Fenton. *Amendment by Mr. Hope Vere.*

A vote having been taken by way of a show of hands as for and against the amendment, a majority voted in favour of it, and it was accordingly declared carried. *Amendment carried.*

Thereafter Mr. Hardie moved, by way of further amendment, that Places for Public Refreshment in the Middle and Lower Wards of the County be allowed to remain open on Sundays from one o'clock p.m. to eight o'clock p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Adam. *Further amendment by Mr. Hardie.*

A vote having been taken by way of a show of hands as for and against the amendment, a majority voted in favour of it, and it was accordingly declared carried. *Amendment carried.*

Thereafter the meeting resolved to make and hereby make, in virtue of Section 97 and Section 82, Sub-section 2, of the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1903, as amended by the Burgh Police (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1911, and Section 57 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, the By-laws, a copy of which forms Appendix I. to this Minute. *Resolution to make by-laws.*

There was also submitted a print of proposed By-laws for regulating the assembling or the procession of bands in or upon any public highway or street or public place in the County, and the meeting, after consideration, resolved to make and hereby make, in virtue of Section 57, Sub-section (1), of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, the By-laws, a copy of which forms Appendix II. to this Minute. *Resolution to make by-laws for regulating the assembling or the procession of bands.*

The Minutes of the Committee appointed in regard to the National Insurance Act, 1911, of date 5th June, 1912, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council, having been submitted, were, after discussion, approved of. *Minutes of Committee on National Insurance Act, 1911.*

The Minutes of the Finance Committee, which had been submitted to the May Statutory Meeting of the Council, having been submitted, the meeting proceeded to consider these Minutes so far as relating to the question of the Collection of County Rates. *Collection of county rates.*

Mr. William Neilson moved the approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee, which was seconded by Mr. Fraser. *Motion by Mr. William Neilson.*

By way of amendment, Dr. O'Neil moved the disapproval of the recommendations of the Finance Committee Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, as contained in the Minutes of the Sub-Committee, of date 3rd April, 1912, which was seconded by Mr. Auld. *Amendment by Dr. O'Neil.*

Vote.

A vote having been taken by calling over the names of the members present, there voted for the amendment the following:—

John Adam.
J. Raeside Auld.
John Baxter.
W. W. Chapman.
Nathaniel Gold.
John Jackson.
Colonel Logan.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
Andrew Murdoch.
Rev. C. M'Kune.
Alexander Pillans.
James C. Pollock.
Robert Sharp.
James Steele.
Thomas Watt.
Walter Lindsay.
George Stalker.
Charles A. Easson.
James Duncan.
Lawrence Maxton.
Hugh M'Lean.
Joseph Halley.
David Kirk.
Rev. Samuel Lindsay.
George Neilson.
Dr. O'Neil, M.P.
Samuel Forrest.

being 27 in all; and against the amendment the following:—

James Anderson.
William Barr.
Colonel Buchanan.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Robert Lambie.
David K. Michie.
William Neilson.
James Prentice.
John D. Scott.
Gavin A. Shanks.
William Speirs.
James C. Hope Vere.
Robert G. Carson.
Andrew Mickel.
Peter M. Martin.
James Young.
David Hardie.
James T. Macdonald.

being 19 in all.

Amendment carried.

The Chairman accordingly declared the amendment carried.

Remit to Finance Committee.

The meeting thereafter agreed that it be remitted to the Finance Committee to make such arrangements as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act.

APPENDIX I.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

BURGH POLICE (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT ACT, 1911.

BY-LAWS

FOR

REGULATING THE HOURS OF OPENING AND CLOSING OF PLACES FOR PUBLIC REFRESHMENT, &c.

WE, the County Council of the County of Lanark, at a Special General Meeting of the said County Council held at Glasgow, upon *the Seventh day of June*, Nineteen hundred and twelve, there being present at least two-thirds of the whole number of the Council, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the County Council under and in virtue of Section 97 and Section 82, Sub-section 2, of the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1903, as amended by the Burgh Police (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1911, and Section 57 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, do hereby make the following By-Laws, namely:—

1. A person registered in terms of Section 82 (1) of the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1903, as amended by the Burgh Police (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1911, to keep or use any house, building, part of a building, or other premises as a place for public refreshment shall not keep such premises open or suffer them to be kept open—

   on Sundays before one o'clock p.m., nor later than eight o'clock p.m., and

   on other days of the week before seven o'clock a.m., nor later than ten o'clock p.m.

2. There shall not be in any place for public refreshment any compartment or side-room having any partition, side, division, screen, or curtain more than three feet six inches in height above the level of the floor.

3. All places for public refreshment shall be adequately lighted throughout to the satisfaction of the County Council or their inspector or officer appointed for the purpose.

EXTENT OF BY-LAWS.

4. These By-laws shall have effect and be in force in the whole County of Lanark, excluding the Royal, Parliamentary, and Police Burghs therein.

PENALTIES.

5. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing By-laws shall be liable in a penalty not exceeding FIVE POUNDS for each offence.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

COUNTY OFFICES,
HAMILTON, 20th June, 1912.

Note.—The above By-laws cannot come into force until the expiration of 40 days after publication, nor until they have been confirmed by the Secretary for Scotland.

APPENDIX II.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

BY-LAWS

FOR

REGULATING THE ASSEMBLING OR THE PROCESSION OF BANDS IN OR UPON ANY PUBLIC HIGHWAY OR STREET OR PUBLIC PLACE IN THE COUNTY OF LANARK.

WHEREAS, it is provided by the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, Section 57, Sub-section (1), as follows:—

> "The Council of a County may from time to time make such by-laws as to them seem meet for the administration of the affairs of the County, for the prevention of vagrancy, and for prevention and suppression of nuisances not already punishable in a summary manner by virtue of any Act in force throughout the County, and may thereby appoint such penalties, not exceeding in any case Five pounds, as they may deem necessary for the punishment of offences against the same."

AND WHEREAS, it is found that the assembling or procession of bands composed of persons carrying musical instruments, or weapons, or flags, banners, or other devices in or through the roads and streets in the County, frequently leads to riotous and lawless conduct and behaviour, and provokes and causes breaches of the public peace;

AND WHEREAS, it is expedient that such bands should not be allowed to assemble in public places or to proceed along the highways and streets in the County when there is reasonable apprehension that their doing so will lead to disturbance of the public peace;

THEREFORE, and in virtue of the powers above quoted, the County Council of the County of Lanark do hereby make the following By-laws, viz.:—

1. Before any band of persons carrying musical instruments or weapons, or flags, banners, or other devices shall be allowed to assemble on or to proceed upon or along any public place, highway, or street in the County of Lanark they shall obtain a permit to do so from the said County Council, which permit, if granted, may prescribe the route such band shall follow, and contain such conditions relating to the preservation of order as the County Council may attach thereto.
2. Application for a permit under this By-law must be made in writing to the County Clerk of the said County Council not later than five days prior to the date to which the permit is proposed to apply.
3. Any person, after the date on which these By-laws come into force, taking part in any such assemblings or processions, unless acting under and in accordance with a permit as aforesaid, shall be liable in a penalty not exceeding in any case £5 for each offence.

These By-laws shall have effect and be in force in the whole of the County of Lanark, exclusive of the Burghs and Police Burghs therein.

Made by the County Council of the County of Lanark at a Special General Meeting held at Glasgow, on the Seventh day of June, Nineteen hundred and twelve.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 20th June, 1912.

Note.—The above By-laws cannot come into force until the expiration of 40 days after publication, nor until the expiration of 40 days after a copy thereof has been sent to the Secretary for Scotland.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

REPORT OF THE STANDING JOINT-COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF LANARK, IN PURSUANCE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1889, IN RELATION TO CAPITAL WORKS, AND TO THE BORROWING OF THE SUMS NECESSARY TO MEET THE EXPENSE THEREOF.

Since the date of their Report of Consent made to the County Council at the meeting of the Council held on 9th May last, the Standing Joint-Committee have given their consent to the following capital works, and to the borrowing of the sums aftermentioned for the respective capital works referred to, so far as it may be found necessary to borrow the same, and that by way of loans, to be repaid within the periods prescribed by the several Statutes administered by the County Council, the loans and interest thereof in each case to be charged to the appropriate rates levied in the several districts aftermentioned, viz.:—

Upper Ward.

(1) Additions to and alterations at Carluke Public Slaughter-house, at an estimated cost of £165.

(2) Improved lighting appliances at Lesmahagow Public Slaughter-house, at an estimated cost of £70.

(3) Balance of revised estimate of cost of erection of a bridge over the Clyde between Carstairs and Pettinain, and construction of a new roadway in connection therewith, £700.

(4) The introduction of a gravitation water supply to Symington Special Water District, from springs on the estate of St. John's Kirk, at an estimated cost of £3,000.

(5) Two extensions of the distributing pipes in the Forth Special Water District, at an estimated cost of £120.

(6) The erection of a Public Slaughter-house at Forth, at an estimated cost of £900.

(7) The extension of distributing pipe in Carnwath Special Water District, at an estimated cost of £10.

(8) The extension of sewer in Carnwath Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £10.

Middle Ward.

(1) Acquisition of ground for sewage purification works in connection with Blantyre Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £100.

(2) Provision of lamps, &c., in connection with the electric lighting of certain streets within Cambuslang Special Lighting District, at an estimated cost of £202 12s.

(3) Construction of sewers at Newton Rows, within the Newton and Flemington Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £820.

(4) Additional cost of acquiring minerals under Middle Ward Hospital site, near Motherwell, £25 3s. 11d.

(5) Erection of a new boiler house and the provision of laundry plant, &c., at Shotts Hospital, at an estimated cost of £1,100.

(6) Extension of sewer in Auldhouse Road, within the East Kilbride Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £75.

(7) Provision and erection of lamp pillars and lamps, and laying service pipes, &c., within the Cleland and Omoa Special Lighting District, at an estimated cost of £270.

(8) Construction of a sewer in new street at Strathaven Public Slaughter-house, within the Strathaven Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £35.

(9) The reconstruction of a sewer in Crofthead Street, Uddingston, within the Uddingston Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £130.

(10) The provision and erection of lamp pillars and lamps, and the laying of service pipes, within the Glengowan and Caldercruix Special Lighting District, at an estimated cost of £200.

(11) The purchase price of sewers in connection with the Hamilton Road Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £343.

(12) The purchase of five new lamp heads, and the erection of three additional lamps, within the Baillieston Special Lighting District, at an estimated cost of £12.

(13) The erection of additional buildings, and the provision of a new boiler, &c., at the Stonehouse Hospital, at an estimated cost of £2,700.

(14) The erection of a wash-house in connection with the chaffeur's house, and the erection of a store for petrol, at Lightburn Joint Hospital, at an estimated cost of £19.

(15) The lease of ground at Millheugh, Larkhall, for the erection of Purification Works in connection with Larkhall Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £550.

(16) An improvement at the junction of the Stonehall and Newmill Highways, near Chantinghall, Hamilton, in the Parish of Hamilton, at an estimated cost of £350.

(17) The reconstruction of sewer in Main Street, Halfway, Cambuslang, within Cambuslang Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £111.

Lower Ward.

(1) Provision of wooden troughs with trestle supports at Westthorn Sewage Purification Works within Barony Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £40.

(2) Construction of sewers and sewage purification works within Carmunnock Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £1,600.

(3) Extending sewer in Lilybank Road, Muirhead, within Chryston and Muirhead Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £60.

(4) Laying of sewer pipe in Murphy's Lane, Muirhead, and extending water pipe at sewage purification works within Chryston and Muirhead Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £45.

The County.

The provision of additional fire hydrants in the District of the Middle Ward, at an estimated cost of £400.

The committee have also given their consent to the undertaking of the following capital works, viz. :—

UPPER WARD.

(1) Widening of Eastshield Bridge on the Wilsontown and Biggar Highway, in the Parish of Carnwath, at an estimated cost of £150.

(2) The widening of (*a*) Lanark and Hamilton Highway, at Linnbank, at an estimated cost of £150 ; (*b*) Lanark and Hamilton Highway, at Threepwood, at an estimated cost of £400 ; (*c*) Corsethill Highway, at Jeanfield Brae, at at an estimated cost of £100—Total estimated cost, £650.

MIDDLE WARD.

(1) Improvement of Muirburn Highway, adjoining Glasford Manse, in the Parish of Glasford, at an estimated cost of £85.

(2) Improvement of the Edinburgh Highway (Main Street) and Thorn Highway, Bellshill, in the Parish of Bothwell, at an estimated cost of £134 10s.

(3) Widening and improvement of Lanark and Hamilton Highway and others within the Second Division of the Middle Ward District, at an estimated cost of £130.

(4) The widening and improvement of (*a*) Threshold Brae, Maxwellton Road, East Kilbride, at an estimated cost of £34 ; (*b*) Bridge Street, Strathaven, at an estimated cost of £68—Total estimated cost, £102.

(5) The improvement of the Mount Vernon Avenue Highway, near Burntbroom Farm, in the Parish of Old Monkland, at an estimated cost of £70.

LOWER WARD.

(1) Acquisition of sewer in private road east of Hamilton Drive, Shettleston, within Barony Special Drainage District, at a cost of £30 0s. 6d.

(2) Erection of additional lamps and lamp-posts within the Bishopbriggs Special Lighting District, at an estimated cost of £13 10s.

(3) Erection of urinal at Farme Cross—proportion payable by District Committee, £60.

(4) District Committee's proportion of estimated cost (£38) of erection of wash-house and store for petrol at Lightburn Joint-Hospital, £19.

WM. SPEIRS,

WM. NEILSON,

Two Members of the Standing Joint-Committee.

THOS. MUNRO,

County Clerk.

October, 1912

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COUNTY OF LANARK.

REPORT OF CONSENT

BY THE

STANDING JOINT-COMMITTEE

TO

CAPITAL WORKS AND BORROWING

TO BE SUBMITTED TO

STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNTY

COUNCIL

ON

THURSDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1912.

THE COUNTY CLERK.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

REPORT

OF

THE COUNTY ROAD BOARD

TO THE

STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

Thursday, 10th October, 1912.

ACCOUNTS.

As required by the Statute, the Abstracts of the Accounts of the County Fund for last financial year will be laid before the Council. They contain the Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure in respect of the highways in the several districts of the county, so that it is not necessary that the Board should submit others. The District Committees have reported to the Board on the subject of highways, and their reports will be submitted to the Council.

ADDITIONS TO THE LISTS OF HIGHWAYS.

The Board recommend that the County Council should, at this meeting, declare that the following roads, which, at the commencement of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, were not maintained out of the public funds derived from tolls or assessments or other sources of revenue, shall be highways within the meaning and for the purposes of that Act, and, as such, be added to the lists of roads, highways, and bridges, made up in terms of Section 41 thereof, viz.:—

IN THE DISTRICT OF THE MIDDLE WARD.

Parish of Cambuslang—

Mansion Street, from Bank Street to Church Street, measuring 91 yards or thereby.

Parish of Dalziel—

Malcolm Street, from Motherwell Highway to Crawford Street, measuring 100 yards or thereby.

Crawford Street, from Malcolm Street to Motherwell Burgh boundary, measuring 155 yards or thereby.

The new or deviated portion of Airbles Highway, from a point 49 yards east from the road leading to Airbles Farm to Motherwell Burgh boundary, measuring 1 furlong 76 yards or thereby.

The Board also recommend that the County Council should declare, in terms of Section 42 of the said Act, that the following roads, or parts of roads, shall cease to be highways within the meaning and for the purposes of the said Act, viz :—

IN THE DISTRICT OF THE UPPER WARD.

Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain—

Lampits Road, in the Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain (No. 97 and No. 356 on the List of Highways), from Lampits Farm roadend, in the Parish of Carnwath, to the boundary of the Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain, in the centre of the River Clyde at Lampits Ferry, a distance of 1,220 yards of thereby.

Parish of Petttinain—

Pettinain and Lanark Road, in the Parish of Pettinain (No. 346 on the List of Highways), from the boundary of the Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain, in the centre of the River Clyde at Lampits Ferry, to Tie Road No. II. (No. 352 on the List of Highways), a distance of 420 yards or thereby.

IN THE DISTRICT OF THE MIDDLE WARD.

Parish of Dalziel—

That portion of Airbles Highway (for which it is proposed to substitute the new or deviated portion above mentioned) from a point 49 yards east from the road leading to Airbles Farm to Motherwell Burgh Boundary, measuring 1 furlong 88 yards or thereby.

The Board further recommend that the County Council should declare, in terms of Section 43 of the said Act, that the portions of Lampits Road, and Pettinain and Lanark Road, above described, and also the portion of Airbles Highway last above described, shall be shut up.

ESTIMATES.

These estimates have been prepared on the basis of the Statutory Reports received from the several District Committees on the condition of the highways and the requisite specifications of the works and repairs needed, and have been incorporated by the Finance Committee in the Local Annual Budget prepared in terms of the Statute.

R. K. STEWART, *Chairman.*

October, 1912.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

REPORT

OF

THE COUNTY ROAD BOARD

TO

THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL,

TO BE HELD ON

Thursday, 10th October, 1912.

THE COUNTY CLERK.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

REPORT

OF

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO

THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL,

TO BE HELD ON

Thursday, 10th October, 1912.

ACCOUNTS.

The following statement shows the amount of expenditure and the assessments levied since the inception of the County Council :—

	Expenditure.	Assessments Levied.
Year 1890-91, ...	£151,224 8 2	£98,416 19 1½
„ 1891-92, ...	174,582 7 1½	88,969 3 10½
„ 1892-93, ...	176,187 1 0½	95,110 15 9
„ 1893-94, ...	254,040 1 7½	98,225 15 5
„ 1894-95, ...	281,435 3 1	104,590 14 2½
„ 1895-96, ...	258,568 2 4	115,228 1 5
„ 1896-97, ...	224,119 3 3½	116,813 10 7½
„ 1897-98, ...	215,481 5 4	121,188 12 2
„ 1898-99, ...	240,642 6 7½	127,232 15 2
„ 1899-1900, ...	281,758 2 4	154,996 15 1½
„ 1900-01, ...	320,309 9 8	169,226 16 5½
„ 1901-02, ...	305,107 0 0	180,228 7 5
„ 1902-03, ...	297,058 18 3½	183,882 0 8½
„ 1903-04, ...	317,304 7 8½	195,132 0 6½
„ 1904-05, ...	306,456 12 8½	198,415 11 6½
„ 1905-06, ...	328,363 0 11	202,100 7 2½
„ 1906-07, ...	321,815 17 10	211,591 2 5
„ 1907-08, ...	339,840 0 1½	216,908 8 1
„ 1908-09, ...	369,302 10 6	232,244 6 2½
„ 1909-10, ...	336,705 18 7½	224,177 12 1½
„ 1910-11, ...	380,877 11 0	234,377 16 3½
„ 1911-12, ...	*393,071 18 7½	242,407 8 7

* Approximate—audit not yet completed.

The amount borrowed during the year was £81,528 16s. 8d., while debt to the extent of £33,307 15s. 8d., has been paid off, making an increase of £48,221 1s. 0d. in the loan indebtedness of the County, which at Whitsunday last amounted to £948,171 18s. 6d.

ESTIMATES FOR 1912-1913.

Estimates of the Receipts and Expenditure for the current financial year are submitted herewith (Appendix). Those in connection with the Constabulary have been considered by the Standing Joint-Committee, those relating to Highways by the County Road Board, while those of the District Committees are based upon information furnished by them. They have received careful consideration at the hands of the Committee, and the Council are recommended to impose the several rates therein mentioned to meet the requirements of the current year.

VALUATION OF COUNTY.

The following is a note of the approximate valuation of the County for the current year as compared with that of last year.

	1912-1913.			1911-1912.			Increase.	Decrease.
	General Heritages.	Railways.	Total.	General Heritages.	Railways.	Total.		
	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Upper Ward, -	325,915 16 0	46,169	372,084 16 0	323,287 2 0	37,942	361,229 2 0	10,855 14 0	...
Middle Ward, -	1,441,991 15 0	131,764	1,573,755 15 0	1,445,838 13 6	115,263	1,561,101 13 6	12,654 1 6	...
Lower Ward, -	1,153,570 14 10	90,772	1,244,342 14 10	1,136,481 3 9	86,285	1,222,766 3 9	21,576 11 1	...
	2,921,478 5 10	268,705	3,190,183 5 10	2,905,606 19 3	239,490	3,145,096 19 3	45,086 6 7	...

Increase, ... £45,086 6 7

Under the Glasgow Boundaries Act, 1912, there falls to be taken from the County and added to the City, on 5th November, 1912, a gross valuation of £1,022,355 2s. 8d., made up as follows:—

	General Heritages.	Railways.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.
Parish of Glasgow (late Barony), -	86,120 8 4	7,889	94,009 8 4
,, Govan (Landward), -	24,100 16 4	4,462	28,562 16 4
Total Landward Valuation, - -	110,221 4 8	12,351	122,572 4 8
Parish of Govan (Police Burgh of Partick), - - -	386,247 19 6	27,038	413,285 19 6
Parish of Govan (Police Burgh of Govan), - - -	465,644 18 6	20,852	486,496 18 6
	962,114 2 8	60,241	1,022,355 2 8

GLASGOW BOUNDARIES ACT, 1912.

The Committee desire to explain that the Estimates have been prepared without reference to the effect of the passing of the Glasgow Bouudaries Act, 1912. It was thought expedient to do this, as under Section 58 of the Act the Corporation are to pay to the County Councils, "a sum equal to one-half of the amount which would have been realised by the County Councils from the rates and assessments imposed by them upon lands and heritages in the respective jurisdictions of the County Councils in the added area *had this Act not been passed*." The Committee recommend that any deficiencies which may be considered to be the result of annexation should be kept in view when the allocation of the sum to be received from Glasgow comes to be made.

WM. NEILSON,
Chairman.

2nd October, 1912.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

LOCAL ANNUAL BUDGET.

ESTIMATES OF THE EXPENDITURE AND RECEIPTS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1912-1913, PREPARED IN TERMS OF SECTION 71 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1889.

I.—CONSTABULARY.

GENERAL EXPENDITURE.

Expenditure.

Salaries and Wages of Headquarters Staff and Reserve Recruits, ...	£1,952	0	0
Clothing of Headquarters Staff, Reserve Recruits, and Special Constables,	48	0	0
Lighting and Cleaning—Headquarters, ...	40	0	0
Repairs, Improvements, and Furnishings—Headquarters, ...	80	0	0
Travelling and Office Expenses—Headquarters, ...	130	0	0
Allowances for Upkeep of Bicycles—Headquarters, ...	10	0	0
Books, Printing, Stationery, and Advertising, ...	135	0	0
Rents of Police Barracks and Constables' Houses, ...	225	0	0
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance, ...	30	0	0
Telephone Rental and Trunk Line Fees, ...	35	0	0
Expenses connected with Maintenance and Removal of Prisoners, ...	400	0	0
Proportion of Salaries of County Clerk and Treasurer and Office Staff,	625	0	0
Repayment of Debt—Police Headquarters, ...	500	0	0
Interest on Debt— do., ...	175	0	0
Travelling and Incidental Expenses of Constables, ...	90	0	0
Travelling and Office Expenses—General, ...	60	0	0
Police Surgeon—Salary, ...	100	0	0
Police Architect—Salary, ...	100	0	0
Bicycles for Constables, ...	40	0	0
Interest on Bank Account, ...	60	0	0
Children Act, 1908—Expenses of Administering, ...	30	0	0
Miscellaneous, ...	50	0	0
	£4,915	0	0

Receipts.

Government Grant towards Pay and Clothing of Headquarters Staff and Reserve Recruits, ...	£700	0	0			
Government Grant in respect of Maintenance and Removal of Prisoners.	640	0	0			
Rents retained from Constables, ...	34	0	0			
Rent payable by Hamilton District for portion of Headquarters set apart for use of that District, ...	330	0	0			
Instalments of cost of Bicycles repaid by Constables, ...	30	0	0			
Interest on County Reserve Monies (proportion), ...	105	0	0			
Miscellaneous, ...	5	0	0			
				1,844	0	0
Amount required, ...				£3,071	0	0

Apportionable as follows, according to Estimated Valuation—

Hamilton Police District—Estimated Valuation, £938,000, ...	£1,347	0	0			
Motherwell Police District—Estimated Valuation, £191,000, ...	274	0	0			
Upper Ward Police District—Estimated Valuation, £359,300, ...	516	0	0			
Airdrie Police District—Estimated Valuation, £326,600, ...	469	0	0			
Lower Ward Police District—Estimated Valuation, £324.000, ...	465	0	0			
				3,071	0	0

LOCAL EXPENDITURE.

HAMILTON POLICE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Share of General Expenditure,		£1,347	0 0
Rents, Feu-duties, &c.,		1,050	0 0
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance,		105	0 0
Telephone Rentals and Trunk Line Fees,		50	0 0
Repairs, Improvements, and Furnishings,		300	0 0
Lighting, Cleaning, &c.,		450	0 0
Proportion of Rent of Police Barracks, Motherwell,		55	0 0
Repayment of Debt (Police Stations),		2,000	0 0
Interest on Debt (Do.),		750	0 0
Pay of Police,		11,193	0 0
Clothing of Police,		354	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,		195	0 0
Travelling and Incidental Expenses, and Subsistence of Constables and Prisoners,		350	0 0
Allowances for Upkeep of Bicycles,		45	0 0
Books, Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c.,		160	0 0
Net Constabulary Outlays administering Dogs Act, 1906,		15	0 0
Interest on bank account,		40	0 0
Miscellaneous,		100	0 0
		£18,559	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912,	£41 0 0		
Contribution from Burgh of Wishaw under Consolidation Agreement and Arrears,	1,200 0 0		
Government Grant towards Pay and Clothing,	4,040 0 0		
Government Grant in respect of Services and Outlays of Constables,	135 0 0		
Rents retained from Constables,	495 0 0		
Interest on County Reserve Monies (proportion),	50 0 0		
		5,961	0 0
Amount required,		£12,598	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £938,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{50}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£9,445 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £854,300.			
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{104}{120}$d. per £ will yield £3,085 0 0			
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, 149 0 0			
	3,234 0 0		
		12,679	0 0

(Last year, $2\frac{30}{120}$d. and $\frac{84}{120}$d. per £.)
Average Rate, $1\frac{66}{120}$d.

MOTHERWELL POLICE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Share of General Expenditure,	£274	0 0
Rents, &c.,	180	0 0
Rates and Taxes,	35	0 0
Telephone Rental and Trunk Line Fees,	10	0 0
Repairs, Improvements, and Furnishings,	20	0 0
Lighting, Cleaning, &c.,	120	0 0
Proportion of Rent of Police Barracks, Motherwell,	374	0 0
Pay of Police,	2,175	0 0
Clothing of Police,	72	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,	35	0 0
Travelling and Incidental Expenses and Subsistence of Constables and Prisoners,	50	0 0
Allowances for Upkeep of Bicycles,	5	0 0
Books, Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c.,	30	0 0
Net Constabulary Outlays administering Dogs Act, 1906,	10	0 0
Miscellaneous,	30	0 0
Carry forward,	£3,420	0 0

Brought forward, ...				£3,420 0 0
Receipts.				
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£690	0	0	
Government Grant towards Pay and Clothing, ...	786	0	0	
Rents retained from Constables, ...	80	0	0	
Interest on Bank Account, ...	5	0	0	
				1,561 0 0
Amount required, ...				£1,859 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £191,000.				
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£1,990	0	0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £188,000.				
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{51}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	333	0	0	
				2.323 0 0
(Same as last year.)				
Average Rate, $2\frac{9}{120}$d.				

UPPER WARD POLICE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.				
Share of General Expenditure, ...				£516 0 0
Rents, Feu-duties, &c., ...				265 0 0
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance, ...				35 0 0
Telephone Rental and Trunk Line Fees, ...				25 0 0
Repairs, Improvements, and Furnishings,...				100 0 0
Lighting, Cleaning, &c., ...				100 0 0
Pay of Police, ...				3,589 0 0
Clothing of Police, ...				104 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...				50 0 0
Travelling and Incidental Expenses, and Subsistence of Constables and Prisoners, ...				135 0 0
Allowances for Upkeep of Bicycles, ...				35 0 0
Books, Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c., ...				55 0 0
Net Constabulary Outlays administering Dogs Act, 1906, ...				5 0 0
Miscellaneous, ...				40 0 0
				£5,054 0 0
Receipts.				
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£479	0	0	
Contribution from Burgh of Lanark, ...	235	0	0	
Government Grant towards Pay and Clothing, ...	1,292	0	0	
Government Grant in respect of Services and Outlays of Constables, ...	35	0	0	
Rents retained from Constables, ...	190	0	0	
Interest on County Reserve Monies (proportion), ...	16	0	0	
				2,247 0 0
Amount required, ...				£2.807 0 0
Owners estimated Valuation of District, £359,300.				
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{77}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£2,458	0	0	
Occupiers estimated Valuation of District, £266,700.				
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{43}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£398	0	0	
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts,	104	0	0	
	502	0	0	
				2,960 0 0
(Last year, $1\frac{70}{120}$d. and $\frac{36}{120}$d. per £.)				
Average Rate, $1\frac{34}{120}$d.				

AIRDRIE POLICE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.				
Share of General Expenditure, ...				£469 0 0
Rents, Feu-duties, &c., ...				520 0 0
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance, ...				80 0 0
Telephone Rental and Trunk Line Fees, ...				25 0 0
Repairs, Improvements, and Furnishings,...				130 0 0
Lighting, Cleaning, &c., ...				135 0 0
Repayment of Debt (Police Stations), ...				300 0 0
Interest on Debt (Do.), ...				70 0 0
Pay of Police, ...				5,053 0 0
Clothing of Police, ...				161 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...				80 0 0
Carry forward, ...				£7,023 0 0

Brought forward, ...			£7,023 0 0
Travelling and Incidental Expenses, and Subsistence of Constables and Prisoners, ...			185 0 0
Allowances for Upkeep of Bicycles, ...			30 0 0
Books, Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c., ...			60 0 0
Net Constabulary Outlays administering Dogs Act, 1906, ...			10 0 0
Interest on Bank Account, ...			10 0 0
Miscellaneous, ...			50 0 0
			£7,368 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£346 0 0		
Government Grant towards Pay and Clothing, ...	1,825 0 0		
Government Grant in respect of Services and Outlays of Constables, ...	53 0 0		
Rents retained from Constables, ...	248 0 0		
Interest on County Reserve Monies (proportion), ...	32 0 0		
		2,504 0 0	
Amount required, ...			£4,864 0 0
Owners estimated Valuation of District, £326,600.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{102}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£3,878 0 0		
Occupiers estimated Valuation of District, £301,300.			
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{93}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£973 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts,	49 0 0		
	1,022 0 0		
		4,900 0 0	

(Last year, $2\frac{73}{120}$d. and $\frac{64}{120}$d. per £.)
Average Rate, $2\frac{9}{120}$d.

LOWER WARD POLICE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.			
Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£612 0 0
Share of General Expenditure, ...			465 0 0
Rents, Feu-duties, &c., ...			750 0 0
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance, ...			120 0 0
Telephone Rental and Trunk Line Fees, ...			35 0 0
Repairs, Improvements, and Furnishings, ...			215 0 0
Lighting, Cleaning, &c., ...			200 0 0
Repayment of Debt (Police Stations), ...			200 0 0
Interest on Debt (do.), ...			70 0 0
Pay of Police, ...			6,443 0 0
Clothing of Police, ...			211 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			100 0 0
Travelling and Incidental Expenses, and Subsistence of Constables and Prisoners, ...			186 0 0
Allowances for Upkeep of Bicycles, ...			21 0 0
Books, Printing, Stationery, Advertising, &c., ...			60 0 0
Net Constabulary Outlays administering Dogs Act, 1906, ...			35 0 0
Interest on Bank Account, ...			50 0 0
Miscellaneous, ...			40 0 0
			£9,813 0 0
Receipts.			
Government Grant towards Pay and Clothing, ...	£2,330 0 0		
Government Grant in lieu of Rates on Government Property, ...	60 0 0		
Contribution from Burgh of Rutherglen under Consolidation Agreement (two years), ...	2,050 0 0		
Interest on County Reserve Monies (proportion), ...	123 0 0		
Rents retained from Constables, ...	250 0 0		
		4,813 0 0	
Amount required, ...			£5,000 0 0
Owners estimated Valuation of District, £324,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $3\frac{10}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£4,162 0 0		
Occupiers estimated Valuation of District, £295,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{80}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£819 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts,	40 0 0		
	859 0 0		
		5,021 0 0	

(Last year, $2\frac{86}{120}$d. and $\frac{36}{120}$d. per £.)
Average Rate, $2\frac{50}{120}$d.

II.—COUNTY GENERAL ASSESSMENT.

(*a*) GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Expenditure.

Salaries and Outlays of J.P. Procurators-Fiscal, ...		£2,300	0 0
Do. do. Clerks of the Peace, ...		2,550	0 0
Salaries of Keepers, County Buildings, Hamilton and Lanark, ...		130	0 0
Rents, Rates, Taxes, and Insurance, do., do.,		140	0 0
Repairs, Improvements, and Furnishings, do., do.,		200	0 0
Lighting, Cleaning, &c., do., do.,		80	0 0
Annual Payment to Hamilton Court-houses Account for Accommodation provided for Justices of the Peace, ...		40	0 0
Salaries of Inspectors under Weights and Measures Act, ...		645	0 0
Other Expenses under Weights and Measures Act, including Assistants' Wages, Carriage of Standards, Rents, &c., ...		700	0 0
Cost of J.P. Court, Bellshill (balance), ...		200	0 0
Expenses of Administering Licensing (Scotland) Act within Police Burghs,		340	0 0
Expenses of Administering Food and Drugs Acts, ...		2,000	0 0
Expenses of Administering Explosives Act, ...		190	0 0
Do. do. Petroleum Acts, ...		10	0 0
Do. do. Probation of Offenders Act, ...		20	0 0
Proportion of Salaries of County Clerk and Treasurer and Office Staff,...		1,250	0 0
Travelling and Office Expenses, ...		330	0 0
Expenses of Fiars Court, ...		6	0 0
Auditor's Fee—Taxing J.P. Clerks' and Fiscals' Accounts, ...		42	0 0
Bar Officer of J.P. Courts, Hamilton and Cambuslang, ...		36	0 0
Rent of Hall for J.P. Court, Cambuslang, ...		45	0 0
Printing, Stationery, Parliamentary Papers, and Advertising, ...		20	0 0
Interest on Bank Account, ...		70	0 0
Expenses in connection with Valuation Account (page 8), ...		194	0 0
Miscellaneous, ...		100	0 0
		£11,638	0 0

Receipts.

Contributions from Burghs of Lanark, Rutherglen, and Coatbridge, for Services of Weights and Measures Inspectors, ...	£25 0 0		
Fines and Penalties under Licensing Act, handed over by Police Burghs, ...	125 0 0		
Fines and Penalties from J.P. Courts and Sheriff Courts,	2,500 0 0		
Fees received under Weights and Measures Acts, ...	600 0 0		
Do. Explosives Act, ...	8 0 0		
Do. Petroleum Acts, ...	14 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	8 0 0		
		3,280	0 0
Amount required, ...		£8,358	0 0
Apportionable as follows, according to estimated Valuations :—			
District formerly the Southern Prison District—			
Estimated Valuation, £1,905,300, ...	£5,121 0 0		
District formerly the Northern Prison District—			
Estimated Valuation, £1,204,300, ...	3,237 0 0		
		8,358	0 0

(*b*) DISTRICT FORMERLY SOUTHERN PRISON DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		£495	0 0
Share of General Expenditure, as above, ...		5,121	0 0
Pensions under Section 43 of Prisons (Scotland) Act, 1877, ...		47	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		100	0 0
Interest on Bank Account, ...		20	0 0
Amount required, ...		£5,783	0 0
Owners estimated Valuation of District, £1,905,300.			
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{62}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£4,102 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £1,698,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{27}{120}$d. per £ will yield £1,592 0 0			
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, 114 0 0			
	1,706 0 0		
		5,808	0 0

(Last year, $\frac{46}{120}$d. and $\frac{11}{120}$d. per £.)
Average Rate, $\frac{35}{120}$d.

(c) DISTRICT FORMERLY NORTHERN PRISON DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£51 0 0		
Share of General Expenditure (page 5), ...	3,237 0 0		
Pensions under Section 43 of Prisons (Scotland) Act, 1877,	7 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection.	76 0 0		
		£3,371	0 0

Receipts.

Government Contribution in lieu of Rates, ...	£13 0 0		
City of Glasgow—Proportion of above Pensions, ...	3 0 0		
		16	0 0
Amount required, ...		£3,355	0 0

Owners estimated Valuation of District, £1,204,300.					
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...			£2,509	0 0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £1,120,200.					
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{21}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£817	0 0			
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts,	11	0 0			
			828	0 0	
				3,337	0 0

(Last year, $\frac{52}{120}$d. and $\frac{13}{120}$d. per £.)
Average Rate, $\frac{39}{120}$d.

III.—LUNACY.

(a) LANARK LUNACY DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Quota of Assessment intimated by General Board, ...	£14,275	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	265	0 0
	£14,540	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£10 0 0		
Government Contribution in lieu of Rates, ...	6 0 0		
Interest on Bank Account, ...	10 0 0		
		26	0 0
Amount required, ...		£14,514	0 0

Owners estimated Valuation of District, £2,054,300.					
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{110}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...			£7,846	0 0	
Occupiers estimated Valuation of District, £1,830,300.					
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{99}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£6,292	0 0			
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts,	418	0 0			
			6,710	0 0	
				14,556	0 0

(Last year, $\frac{111}{120}$d. and $\frac{100}{120}$d. per £.)
Average Rate, $\frac{11}{120}$d.

(*b*) GOVAN LUNACY DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£140	0 0
Quota of Assessment intimated by General Board, ...			7,232	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			270	0 0
			£7,642	0 0
Receipts.				
Government Contribution in lieu of Rates, ...	£10	0 0		
Interest on Bank Account, ...	12	0 0		
			22	0 0
Amount required, ...			£7,620	0 0
Owners estimated Valuation of District, £909,000.				
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{10}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£4,103	0 0		
Occupiers estimated Valuation of District, £854,000.				
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{9}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£3,529	0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts,	7	0 0		
	3,536	0 0		
			7,639	0 0

(Last year, $1\frac{18}{120}$d. and $1\frac{7}{120}$d. per £.)
Average Rate, $1\frac{11}{120}$d.

(*c*) GLASGOW LUNACY DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£5	0 0
Quota of Assessment intimated by General Board, ...			1,322	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			40	0 0
			£1,367	0 0
Receipts.				
Government Contribution in lieu of Rates, ...	£47	0 0		
			47	0 0
Amount required, ...			£1,320	0 0
Owners estimated Valuation of District, £146,200.				
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{17}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£695	0 0		
Occupiers estimated Valuation of District, £134,500.				
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{17}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	640	0 0		
			1,335	0 0

(Last year, $1\frac{20}{120}$d. and $1\frac{20}{120}$d. per £.)

IV.—REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Expenditure.

Assessors' Salaries, £1,300; and Outlays, £100, ...			£1,400	0 0
Printing Registers and Advertising, ...			1,600	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			45	0 0
Interest on Bank Account, ...			10	0 0
			£3,055	0 0
Receipts.				
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£68	0 0		
Proportion of Cost of Registers from City of Glasgow, ...	505	0 0		
Do. do. Burgh of Coatbridge, ...	200	0 0		
Do. do. do. Airdrie. ...	25	0 0		
Do. do. do. Rutherglen,	21	0 0		
Do. do. do. Lanark, ...	2	0 0		
Do. do. do. Hamilton, ...	1	0 0		
Government Contribution in lieu of Rates, ...	5	0 0		
Copies of Registers sold, ...	125	0 0		
			952	0 0
Amount required, ...			£2,103	0 0
Owners estimated Valuation of District, £3,109,600.				
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{19}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£2,051	0 0		
Occupiers estimated Valuation of District, £2,817,800.				
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{2}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£196	0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts,	28	0 0		
	224	0 0		
			£2,275	0 0

(Same as last year).
Average Rate, $\frac{17}{120}$d.

V.—VALUATION.

Expenditure.

Copying Valuation Roll for Parishes, ...		£110	0 0
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery, ...		40	0 0
Law Expenses, ...		100	0 0
		£250	0 0

Receipts.

Fees received for Excerpts, ...	£8 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, ...	48 0 0		
		56	0 0
Amount required, ...		£194	0 0
Transferred from County General Assessment Account, ...		194	0 0

(Last year, £184.)

VA.—DISEASES OF ANIMALS.

Expenditure.

County Veterinary Surgeon—Salary, ...		£450	0 0
Do. do. Travelling Expenses, ...		160	0 0
Do. do. Instruments, Chemicals, ...		20	0 0
Proportion of Salaries of County Clerk and Treasurer and Office Staff, ...		125	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		30	0 0
Allowances to Police Inspectors administering the Act, ...		50	0 0
Constabulary Outlays administering Act, less sums received, ...		30	0 0
Compensation to Owners of Animals slaughtered, ...		100	0 0
Destroying Carcases, ...		20	0 0
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery, ...		60	0 0
Travelling and Office Expenses, ...		10	0 0
Interest on Bank Account,...		15	0 0
Expenses of administering Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, ...		70	0 0
Telephone Rental and Trunk Line Fees, ...		15	0 0
Grant to Public Health Account towards Expenses of Bacteriological Laboratory, ...		25	0 0
Miscellaneous, ...		20	0 0
		£1,200	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£57 0 0		
Contributions from Burghs of Coatbridge and Lanark, ...	100 0 0		
Government Contribution in lieu of Rates, ...	3 0 0		
		160	0 0
Amount required, ...		£1,040	0 0
Owners estimated Valuation of District, £3,109.600.			
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{5}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£540 0 0		
Occupiers estimated Valuation of District, £2,817,800.			
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{5}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£489 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, ...	14 0 0		
	503 0 0		
		1,043	0 0

(Last year $\frac{7}{120}$d. and $\frac{7}{120}$d. per £.)

HAMILTON COURT HOUSES MAINTENANCE.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£110 0 0
Salary of Keeper, ...			100 0 0
Repairs, Improvements, and Furnishings, ...			100 0 0
Cleaning, Lighting, and Ventilating, ...			90 0 0
Special Water Charges and Insurance, ...			11 0 0
			£411 0 0
Receipts.			
Government Grant towards upkeep, ...	188 0 0		
County General Assessment, General Account — for accommodation provided for Justices of the Peace, ...	40 0 0		
Contribution from Burgh of Hamilton (Arrears), ...	69 0 0		
		297 0 0	

(No Assessment proposed.)

LANARK COURT HOUSES MAINTENANCE.

Expenditure.			
Salary of Keeper, ...	£80 0 0		
Repairs, Improvements, and Furnishings, ...	35 0 0		
Cleaning, Lighting, and Ventilating, ...	40 0 0		
Special Water Charges and Insurance, ...	7 0 0		
		£162 0 0	
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£51 0 0		
Government Grant towards upkeep, ...	103 0 0		
		154 0 0	

(No Assessment proposed.)

VI.—GENERAL PURPOSES.

(*a*) WHOLE COUNTY (INCLUDING POLICE BURGHS).

Expenditure.

Association of County Councils in Scotland—Annual Subscription and Expenses of Meetings, ...	£25	0 0
Printing, Advertising, &c., ...	450	0 0
Proportion of Salaries of County Clerk and Treasurer and Office Staff, ...	2,400	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	175	0 0
Expenses opposing Bills and Provisional Orders in Parliament, ...	2,000	0 0
Expenses of Parliamentary Agents (General), ...	50	0 0
Expenses of Statutory Prosecutions, ...	30	0 0
Expenses of Motor Car Act, Cinematograph Act, &c., ...	100	0 0
Auditor's Fee, ...	400	0 0
Books and Stationery, ...	300	0 0
Fees to Jurors under Fatal Accidents Inquiry Act, ...	75	0 0
Rooms for Meetings, ...	150	0 0
Telephone Rental and Trunk Line Fees, ...	75	0 0
Travelling and Office Expenses, ...	80	0 0
Interest on Bank Account, ...	25	0 0
Law Expenses, ...	100	0 0
Miscellaneous, ...	150	0 0
Carry forward, ...	£6,585	0 0

Brought forward, ...		£6,585 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£346 0 0	
Interest on County Reserve Monies (proportion), ...	220 0 0	
Fees received under Motor Car Act, ...	700 0 0	
Fees received under the Cinematograph Act, ...	15 0 0	
Government Grant in lieu of Rates, ...	15 0 0	
		1,296 0 0
Amount required, ...		£5.289 0 0

Owners estimated Valuation of District, £3,109.600.		
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{26}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£2,807 0 0	
Occupiers estimated Valuation of District, £2,817.800.		
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{26}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£2,544 0 0	
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts,	83 0 0	
	2,627 0 0	
		5,434 0 0

(Last year $\frac{36}{120}$d. and $\frac{36}{120}$d. per £.)

(*b*) ADDITIONAL FOR WHOLE COUNTY (EXCLUDING POLICE BURGHS).

Expenditure.

Payments to Reformatories for Maintenance of Youthful Offenders, ...	£200 0 0	
Printing, Advertising, &c., Shop Hours Act, ...	100 0 0	
Amount required, ...		£300 0 0

Owners estimated Valuation of District, £1,939,600.		
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{3}{120}$d. per £ will yield, ...	£202 0 0	
Occupiers estimated Valuation of District, £1,686,500.		
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{3}{120}$d. per £ will yield, ...	176 0 0	
		378 0 0

(*c*) ADDITIONAL FOR LOWER WARD SHERIFF COURT-HOUSES.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£1,946 0 0	
Interest on Bank Account,...	35 0 0	
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, ...	3 0 0	
		1,984 0 0

(No Assessment proposed.)

(Last year, $\frac{115}{120}$d. and $\frac{5}{120}$d. per £.)

* NOTE.—Intimation of the requirements of the Court House Commissioners for the current year has not yet been received, but it is considered that the balance in hand (£1,946), will be sufficient to meet any requisition that may be made.

(*d*) ADDITIONAL FOR BOTHWELL ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Expenditure.

Proportion of balance of £221 due to Bank at 15th May, 1912 (cost of Order, &c., £319), ...			£69	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			4	0 0
Interest on Bank Account, ...			5	0 0
Repayment of Debt (half year), ...			25	0 0
Interest on Debt, ...			17	0 0
Proportion of accrued Interest due to The Clyde Valley Electrical Power Co., ...			15	0 0
Amount required, ...			£135	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £23,000. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£72	0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £22,200. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	69	0 0		
			141	0 0

(Last year, $\frac{45}{120}$d. and $\frac{45}{120}$d. per £.)

(*e*) ADDITIONAL FOR BELLSHILL ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Expenditure.

Proportion of balance of £169, due to Bank at 15th May, 1912 (cost of Order, &c., £299), ...			£70	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			8	0 0
Interest on Bank Account, ...			4	0 0
Repayment of Debt (half year)			90	0 0
Interest on Debt, ...			65	0 0
Proportion of accrued Interest due to The Clyde Valley Electrical Power Co., ...			190	0 0
			£427	0 0

Receipts.

Payment by The Clyde Valley Electrical Power Co. (in terms of arrangement), ...			~~£117~~	0 0
Amount required, ...			£310	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £45,200. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{100}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£157	0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £44,000. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{100}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	153	0 0		
			£310	0 0

(Last year, $\frac{30}{120}$d. and $\frac{30}{120}$d. per £.)

(*f*) ADDITIONAL FOR BLANTYRE ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Expenditure.

Proportion of balance of £213 due to Bank at 15th May, 1912 (cost of Order, &c., £387), ...			£80	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			3	0 0
Interest on Bank Account, ...			7	0 0
Amount required, ...			£90	0 0
Owners estimated Valuation of District, £53,000. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£55	0 0		
Occupiers estimated Valuation of District, £50,800. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	53	0 0		
			£108	0 0

(Same as last year.)

(*g*) ADDITIONAL FOR CAMBUSLANG ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Expenditure.

Proportion of Debit Balance of £680 (Board of Trade Accounts) outstanding at 15th May, 1912, ...				£150 0 0
Repayment of Debt, ...				50 0 0
Interest on Debt, ...				550 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...				23 0 0
Interest on Bank Account, ...				40 0 0
Generation of Electricity, ...				900 0 0
Distribution of Electricity, ...				50 0 0
Public Lamps—repairs, renewals, and attending (recovered as per Receipts),				350 0 0
Rates and Taxes, ...				100 0 0
Management Expenses, ...				250 0 0
Expenses of Extension Order (proportion), ...				50 0 0
Insurance, ...				30 0 0
				£3,343 0 0

Receipts.

Sale of Current, ...	£2,000	0	0	
District Committee—for Refuse destroyed, ...	300	0	0	
Do. Proportion of Resident Engineer's Salary, ...	50	0	0	
Do. Public Lamps, Repairs, and Renewals,	350	0	0	
Miscellaneous, ...	5	0	0	
				2,705 0 0
Amount required, ...				£638 0 0
Owners estimated Valuation of District, £85,000. An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield ...	£354	0	0	
Occupiers estimated Valuation of District, £82,000. An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield ...	342	0	0	
				696 0 0

(Same as last year.)

(*h*) ADDITIONAL FOR SHETTLESTON ELECTRIC LIGHTING ORDER.

Expenditure.

Proportion of balance of £155 due to Bank at 15th May, 1912 (cost of Order, &c., £297), ...				£80 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...				9 0 0
Interest on Bank Account, ...				4 0 0
Repayment of Debt (half year), ...				90 0 0
Interest on Debt, ...				65 0 0
Proportion of accrued Interest due to The Clyde Valley Electrical Power Co., ...				200 0 0
				£448 0 0

Receipts.

Payment by The Clyde Valley Electrical Power Co. (in terms of arrangement), ...				115 0 0
Amount required, ...				£333 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £101,800. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{45}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£159	0	0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £96,000. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{45}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	150	0	0	
				£309 0 0

(Last year, $\frac{15}{120}$d. and $\frac{15}{120}$d. per £.)

(i) ADDITIONAL FOR UDDINGSTON ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Expenditure.

Proportion of balance of £182 due to Bank at 15th May, 1912 (Cost of Order, &c., £296), ...		£170	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		5	0 0
Interest on Bank Account, ...		4	0 0
Repayment of Debt (half year), ...		40	0 0
Interest on Debt, ...		28	0 0
Proportion of accrued Interest due to the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Co., ...		50	0 0
Amount required, ...		£197	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £48,300. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£101 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £46,000. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	96 0 0		
		£197	0 0

(Last year, $\frac{25}{120}$d. and $\frac{25}{120}$d. per £.)

VII.—PUBLIC HEALTH—GENERAL.

Expenditure.

Medical Officer's Department—			
Medical Officer—Salary, ...	£1,000 0 0		
Assistant Medical Officers—Salaries, ...	450 0 0		
Chemist—Salary, ...	150 0 0		
Bacteriologist (£300) and Assistants (£90)—Salaries,	390 0 0		
Inspector of Dairy Herds—Salary, £100; Travelling Expenses, £50, ...	150 0 0		
Clerical Assistance, ...	290 0 0		
Travelling and Office Expenses, ...	200 0 0		
Books, Printing, Stationery, and Advertising, ...	350 0 0		
Telephone Rent and Trunk Line Fees, ...	30 0 0		
Chemicals, Apparatus, and Furnishings for Laboratories,	120 0 0		
Upkeep of Bacteriological Laboratory, ...	200 0 0		
Repairs, Improvements, and Furnishings, ...	130 0 0		
Keeper's Salary, ...	80 0 0		
Rates, Taxes, Insurance, and Feu-duty, ...	50 0 0		
Cleaning, Lighting, &c., ...	75 0 0		
		£3,665	0 0
Expenses enforcing provisions of Rivers Pollution Act, ...		300	0 0
Repayment of Debt (Public Health Offices), ...		250	0 0
Interest on Debt (Do.), ...		95	0 0
Expenses of Sanitary Congresses, ...		200	0 0
Expenses of Certified Inebriate Reformatory Account (No. VIIa.), ...		535	0 0
Interest on Bank Account, ...		40	0 0
Expenses of Fire Brigades Account (No. VIIb.), ...		4,160	0 0
		£9,245	0 0

Receipts.

Contribution from Burgh of Biggar towards Salary of Medical Officer, ...	£10 0 0		
Government Grant towards Cost of Medical Officers and Sanitary Inspectors, ...	1,150 0 0		
Grant from Diseases of Animals Account towards expenses of Bacteriological Laboratory, ...	25 0 0		
Fees received from other Local Authorities for Medical Officer's Reports on specimens submitted, ...	90 0 0		
		1,275	0 0
Amount required, ... (Last year, £7,053).		£7,970	0 0

APPORTIONABLE AS FOLLOWS ACCORDING TO ESTIMATED VALUATIONS.

Upper Ward District—Estimated Valuation, £360,000,	£1,473 0 0		
Middle Ward District—Estimated Valuation, £1,264,100,	5,172 0 0		
Lower Ward District—Estimated Valuation, £324,000,	1,325 0 0		
		£7,970	0 0

VIIA.—CERTIFIED INEBRIATE REFORMATORY.

Expenditure.

Repayment of Debt,		£300 0 0
Interest on Debt,		155 0 0
Wages,		80 0 0
Rates, Taxes, and Insurance,		35 0 0
Miscellaneous,		20 0 0
Fuel and Light,		15 0 0
Repairs, &c.,		5 0 0
Interest on Bank Account,		3 0 0
		£613 0 0

Receipts.

Rent of Lands,	£63 0 0	
Sale of Garden Produce,	15 0 0	
		78 0 0
Amount required,		£535 0 0
Transferred from Public Health General Account (No. VII.),		535 0 0

(Last year, £495.)

VIIB.—FIRE BRIGADES.

Expenditure.

Salaries of Firemaster (£150), Instructor (£30), and Clerk (£30),	£210 0 0	
Wages of Mechanicians,	525 0 0	
Firemen's Allowances,	700 0 0	
Petrol, Oil, &c., Heating and Lighting, Repairs and Furnishings, Travelling Expenses, &c.,	550 0 0	
Stationery, Telephones, &c.,	150 0 0	
Insurance,	220 0 0	
Travelling Expenses—General,	55 0 0	
Printing, Advertising, &c.,	50 0 0	
Interest on Bank Account,	50 0 0	
Miscellaneous,	150 0 0	
		£2,660 0 0
Repayment of Debt,	£1,200 0 0	
Interest on Debt,	300 0 0	
		1,500 0 0
Amount required,		£4,160 0 0

Receipt.

Transferred from Public Health General Account (No. VII.),	4,160 0 0

(Last year, £3,383.)

VIII.—ROAD BOARD.

Expenditure.

Proportion of County Clerk and Treasurer's Salary,	£125 0 0
Printing and Advertising,	25 0 0
Miscellaneous,	5 0 0
Amount required,	£155 0 0

(Same as last year.)

APPORTIONABLE AS FOLLOWS ACCORDING TO ESTIMATED VALUATIONS.

Upper Ward District—Estimated Valuation, £360,000,	£29 0 0	
Middle Ward District—Estimated Valuation, £1.264,100,	100 0 0	
Lower Ward District—Estimated Valuation, £324,000,	26 0 0	
		£155 0 0

DISTRICT OF THE UPPER WARD.

I.—HIGHWAYS.

Expenditure.

Maintenance—						
Surface Labour, ...	£7,100	0	0			
Materials for Surface Repairs (including Quarry Rents, &c.), ...	9,866	0	0			
Repairs to Bridges, Culverts, Drains, and Fences, ...	794	0	0			
Purchase and Repair of Tools, ...	300	0	0			
Footpaths, Kerbing and Causewaying Crossings, ...	340	0	0			
				£18,400	0	0
Miscellaneous—						
Mile-plates and Finger-posts, ...	£100	0	0			
Metal Depots, Old Toll-houses, and Tool-sheds— Rents, Feu-duties, Taxes, and Upkeep, ...	150	0	0			
				250	0	0
Improvement of Roads and Bridges—						
Linnbank Improvement, ...	£150	0	0			
Threepwood do., ...	400	0	0			
Jeanfield Brae, do., ...	100	0	0			
	£650	0	0			
One-fourth whereof, ... (Balance anticipated from Imperial Road Board).	...		...	163	0	0
Management and Miscellaneous—						
Salary of District Clerk and Treasurer (proportion),	£248	0	0			
Salaries of District Surveyor and Assistant, ...	490	0	0			
Rent, Cleaning, Lighting, &c., of Offices, ...	75	0	0			
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery, ...	75	0	0			
Surveyor's Expenses, Postages, Receipt and Agreement Stamps, and Petty Outlays, ...	350	0	0			
Travelling and Expenses of Meetings and Inspections,	10	0	0			
Law Expenses, ...	10	0	0			
Miscellaneous, ...	5	0	0			
				1,263	0	0
Repayment of Debt, ...	£400	0	0			
Interest on Debt, ...	225	0	0			
Proportion of Expenses of Road Board as per apportionment on page 14, ...	29	0	0			
Interest on Bank Account, ...	68	0	0			
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	295	0	0			
				1,017	0	0
				£21,093	0	0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£169	0	0			
Rents of Old Toll-houses, ...	90	0	0			
Composition from Caledonian Railway Company, ...	66	0	0			
Grush, Sand, and Metal sold, ...	200	0	0			
Subvention from Burgh of Biggar, ...	15	0	0			
Government Grant towards cost of maintaining Roads, ...	887	0	0			
Proportion of Government Grant in relief of Local Rates,	1,922	0	0			
Hire of Road Rollers, ...	50	0	0			
Government Grant in lieu of Rates, ...	10	0	0			
				3,409	0	0
Amount required, ...				£17,684	0	0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £360,000. An Assessment thereon at $6\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£9,750	0	0			
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £267,600. An Assessment thereon at $6\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ... ... £7,247 0 0 Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, 1,229 0 0	8,476	0	0			
				18,226	0	0

(Last year $6\frac{90}{120}$d. and $6\frac{90}{120}$d. per £.)

II.—PUBLIC HEALTH.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...				£215	0 0
Share of General Expenditure, as per apportionment on page 13, ...				1,473	0 0
Salaries and Expenses of Sanitary Officers—					
District and Local Sanitary Inspectors' Salaries, ...	£310	0	0		
Travelling Expenses and Subsistence of Sanitary Inspectors, ...	50	0	0		
Clerical Assistance, ...	25	0	0		
				385	0 0
Fees for Notification of Diseases, ...				70	0 0
Upkeep of Hospitals—					
Roadmeetings, ...				1,000	0 0
Interments, Disinfecting, and Removing Patients and Clothing, ...				100	0 0
Cleaning Sewers and Cesspools, and Scavenging, &c., ...				60	0 0
Upkeep of Slaughter-Houses at Carluke, Douglas, and Lesmahagow, ...				250	0 0
Returns of Births and Deaths, ...				10	0 0
Management and Miscellaneous—					
Salary of District Clerk and Treasurer (proportion),	£82	0	0		
Cleaning, Lighting, &c., of District Offices, ...	100	0	0		
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery, ...	75	0	0		
Travelling and Office Expenses, ...	20	0	0		
				277	0 0
Other Expenses—					
Expenses of Delegates to Sanitary Congresses, and Subscriptions to Associations, ...	£50	0	0		
Miscellaneous, ...	20	0	0		
				70	0 0
Repayment of Debt (Hospitals, £200; Slaughter-houses, £144),	£344	0	0		
Interest on Debt (Hospitals, £120; Slaughter-houses, £89),	209	0	0		
Repayment of Debt (New District Offices), ...	35	0	0		
Interest on Debt (Do.), ...	18	0	0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	66	0	0		
				672	0 0
				£4,582	0 0

Receipts.

Slaughter-house Dues, ...	£300	0	0		
Rent of Office charged to Highways Account.	75	0	0		
Rent of Tripery, and Manure sold, ...	13	0	0		
Miscellaneous, ...	20	0	0		
Grant in aid of Medical and Sanitary Staff, ...	188	0	0		
Government Grant in lieu of Rates, ...	2	0	0		
				598	0 0
Amount required, ...				£3,984	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £360,000.					
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{75}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£2,437	0	0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £267,600.					
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{75}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£1,812	0	0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, ...	169	0	0		
	1,981	0	0		
				4,418	0 0

(Last year, $1\frac{60}{120}$d. and $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)

III.—SPECIAL WATER AND DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

BLACKWOOD SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	£85	0	0		
Repairs and upkeep, ...	30	0	0		
Salary of Water Superintendent, ...	14	0	0		
Miscellaneous, ...	1	0	0		
				130	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£9	0	0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	220	0	0		
Interest on Debt, ...	145	0	0		
				374	0 0
Carry forward, ...				£504	0 0

Brought forward, ...			£504 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£10 0 0		
Special Water Charges, ...	30 0 0		
		40 0 0	
Amount required, ...			£464 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £6,900			
An Assessment thereon at 9d. per £ will yield ...	£259 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £6,000.			
An Assessment thereon at 9d. per £ will yield ...	225 0 0		
		484 0 0	
(Last year, $9\frac{60}{120}$d. and $9\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)			

BRAIDWOOD SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.			
Price of Water purchased, ...	£90 0 0		
Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	14 0 0		
Repairs and Upkeep, ...	1 0 0		
Wages of Superintendent, ...	13 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	3 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	1 0 0		
		£122 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£7 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	55 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	23 0 0		
		85 0 0	
		£207 0 0	
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£72 0 0		
Special Water Charges, ...	20 0 0		
		92 0 0	
Amount required, ...			£115 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £3,500.			
An Assessment thereon at 6d. per £ will yield ...	£87 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £2,800.			
An Assessment thereon at 6d. per £ will yield ...	70 0 0		
		157 0 0	
(Last year, $7\frac{60}{120}$d. and $7\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)			

CARLUKE SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.			
Price of Water purchased, ...	£500 0 0		
Rents, Taxes &c., ...	86 0 0		
Repairs and Upkeep, ...	20 0 0		
Wages of Superintendent, ...	37 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	12 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	2 0 0		
		£657 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£15 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	40 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	15 0 0		
		70 0 0	
		£727 0 0	
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£146 0 0		
Special Water Charges, ...	200 0 0		
		346 0 0	
Amount required, ...			£381 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £18,400.			
An Assessment thereon at $3\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£268 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £16,500.			
An Assessment thereon at $3\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£240 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, ...	10 0 0		
	250 0 0		
		518 0 0	
(Last year, $4\frac{60}{120}$d. and $4\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)			

CARLUKE SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	£70 0 0		
Repairs and Upkeep, ...	20 0 0		
Wages of Superintendent, ...	34 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	12 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	2 0 0		
		£138	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£1 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	10 0 0		
Interest on Debt	3 0 0		
		14	0 0
		£152	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£42 0 0		
Rent of Irrigation Fields, ...	50 0 0		
		92	0 0
		£60	0 0
Amount required, ...			
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £17,500.			
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£36 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £16,900.			
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield £35 0 0			
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, ... 1 0 0			
	36 0 0		
		72	0 0

(Last year, $\frac{90}{120}$d. and $\frac{90}{120}$d. per £.)

CARNWATH SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	£55 0 0		
Repairs and Upkeep, ...	10 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	1 0 0		
		£66	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£4 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	136 1 7		
Interest on Debt, ...	51 0 0		
		191	1 7
		£257	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£10 0 0		
Special Water Charges, ...	2 0 0		
		12	0 0
		£245	1 7
Amount required, ...			
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £6,800.			
An Assessment thereon at $4\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£127 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £6,700.			
An Assessment thereon at $4\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	126 0 0		
		253	0 0

(Last year, 4d. and 4d. per £.)

CARNWATH SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		£4	0 0
Repairs and Upkeep, ...	£5 0 0		
Wages of Superintendent, ...	10 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	2 0 0		
		17	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£4 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	80 12 8		
Interest on Debt, ...	53 0 0		
		137	12 8
		£158	12 8
Amount required, ...			
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £2,400.			
An Assessment thereon at $8\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£82 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £2,300.			
An Assessment thereon at $8\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	79 0 0		
		161	0 0

(Last year, $8\frac{60}{120}$d. and $8\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)

CRAWFORD SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£4 0 0
Price of Water purchased, ...	£30 0 0		
Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	15 0 0		
Repairs and Upkeep, ...	5 0 0		
		50 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£1 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	9 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	5 0 0		
		15 0 0	
Amount required, ...		£69 0 0	
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £2,400.			
An Assessment thereon at $3\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£35 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £2,200.			
An Assessment thereon at $3\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	32 0 0		
		67 0 0	
(Last year, 3d. and 3d. per £.)			

CROSSLAW SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Repairs and Upkeep, ...	£5 0 0		
Wages of Superintendent, ...	5 0 0		
		£10 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£1 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	30 2 6		
Interest on Debt, ...	6 0 0		
		37 2 6	
		£47 2 6	

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		£13 0 0	
Amount required, ...		£34 2 6	
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £3,100.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£19 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £2,800.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£17 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, ...	4 0 0		
	21 0 0		
		40 0 0	
(Same as last year.)			

DOUGLAS SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	£7 0 0		
Repairs and Upkeep, ...	30 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,...	2 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	1 0 0		
		£40 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£1 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	18 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	7 0 0		
		26 0 0	
Carry forward, ...		£66 0 0	

Brought forward, ...			£66 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£20 0 0		
Special Water Charges, ...	10 0 0		
Interest on Investment, ...	4 0 0		
		34 0 0	
Amount required, ...			£32 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £3,600.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£19 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £3,300.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	17 0 0		
		36 0 0	

(Last year, 1d. and 1d. per £.)

DOUGLAS SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.			
Repairs and Upkeep, ...	£10 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	2 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	1 0 0		
		£13 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£1 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	25 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	3 0 0		
		29 0 0	
		£42 0 0	
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		15 0 0	
Amount required, ...			£27 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £3,600.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£19 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £3,300.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ... £17 0 0			
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, 4 0 0			
	21 0 0		
		40 0 0	

(Last year, $1\frac{60}{120}$d. and $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)

FORTH SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.			
Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£48 0 0
Salary of Water Superintendent, ...	£37 0 0		
Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	75 0 0		
Repairs and Upkeep, ...	50 0 0		
		162 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£8 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	180 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	170 0 0		
		358 0 0	
		£568 0 0	
Receipts.			
Special Water Charges, ...		5 0 0	
Amount required, ...			£563 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £5,000.			
An Assessment thereon at 1s. 2d. per £ will yield ...	£292 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £4,700,			
An Assessment thereon at 1s. 2d. per £ will yield ...	274 0 0		
		566 0 0	

(Last year, 7d. and 7d. per £.)

KIRKFIELDBANK SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	£20 0 0		
Repairs and Upkeep, ...	10 0 0		
Salary of Water Superintendent, ...	3 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	2 0 0		
		£35	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£3 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	55 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	20 0 0		
		78	0 0
		£113	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		9	0 0
Amount required, ...		£104	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £2,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $6\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£54 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £1,800.			
An Assessment thereon at $6\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	49 0 0		
	103	0	0
(Same as last year.)			

LAW SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	£60 0 0		
Repairs and Upkeep, ...	25 0 0		
Salary of Water Superintendent, ...	35 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	7 10 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	3 10 0		
		£131	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		3	0 0
		£134	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£8 0 0		
Special Water Charges, ...	20 0 0		
		28	0 0
Amount required, ...		£106	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £13,900.			
An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield	£58 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £12,500.			
An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield	£52 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts,	12 0 0		
	64	0	0
	122	0	0
(Same as last year.)			

LAW SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	£10 0 0		
Repairs and Upkeep, ...	12 0 0		
Salary of Drainage Officer, ...	32 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	2 10 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	2 10 0		
		£59	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£1 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	20 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	15 0 0		
		36	0 0
Carry forward, ...		£95	0 0

Brought forward, ...			£95 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			6 0 0
Amount required, ...			£89 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £13,900.			
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...		£43 0 0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £12,500.			
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£39 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts.	2 0 0		
		41 0 0	
			84 0 0

(Same as last year.)

LESMAHAGOW SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Rents, Taxes, &c., ...		£240 0 0	
Repairs and Upkeep, ...		135 0 0	
Salary of Water Superintendent, ...		65 0 0	
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...		4 0 0	
Miscellaneous, ...		4 0 0	
			£448 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		£22 0 0	
Repayment of Debt, ...		525 0 0	
Interest on Debt, ...		260 0 0	
			807 0 0
			£1,255 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			2 0 0
Amount required, ...			£1,253 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £28,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $5\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...		£670 0 0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £25,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $5\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£598 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, ...	13 0 0		
		611 0 0	
			1,281 0 0

(Same as last year.)

LESMAHAGOW SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Repairs and Upkeep, ...		£5 0 0	
Salary of Drainage Officer, ...		25 0 0	
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...		2 0 0	
			£32 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		£2 0 0	
Repayment of Debt, ...		25 0 0	
Interest on Debt, ...		12 0 0	
			39 0 0
			£71 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			37 0 0
Amount required, ...			£34 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £9,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield		£28 0 0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £8,400.			
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£26 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, ...	2 0 0		
		28 0 0	
			56 0 0

(Last year, 1d. and 1d. per £.)

ROBERTON SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£1 0 0
Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	£10 0 0		
Repairs and Upkeep, ...	4 0 0		
Salary of Water Superintendent, ...	2 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	2 0 0		
		18 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£2 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	35 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	21 0 0		
		58 0 0	
Amount required, ...			£77 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £700.			
An Assessment thereon at 1s. 3d. per £ will yield ...	£44 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £600.			
An Assessment thereon at 1s. 3d. per £ will yield ...	37 0 0		
		81 0 0	

(Same as last year.)

SYMINGTON SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£2 0 0
Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	£8 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	5 0 0		
		13 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£4 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	80 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	75 0 0		
		159 0 0	
Amount required, ...			£174 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £3,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $7\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield, ...	£94 0 0		
Occupiers estimated Valuation of District, £2,500.			
An Assessment thereon at $7\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield, ...	£78 0 0		
		172 0 0	

(First Assessment.)

THANKERTON SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Price of Water purchased, ...	£60 0 0		
Rent, Taxes, &c., ...	5 0 0		
Repairs and Upkeep, ...	5 0 0		
Salary of Water Superintendent, ...	3 0 0		
		£73 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£2 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	10 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	6 0 0		
		18 0 0	
		£91 0 0	

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			31 0 0
Amount required, ...			£60 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £1,500.			
An Assessment thereon at 7d. per £ will yield ...	£44 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £1,400.			
An Assessment thereon at 7d. per £ will yield ...	41 0 0		
		85 0 0	

(Last year, $8\frac{60}{120}$d. and $8\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)

THANKERTON SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£1 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	12 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	6 0 0		
		£19	0 0
Amount required, ...		£19	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £1,500.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£11 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £1,400.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	10 0 0		
		21	0 0
(Same as last year.)			

IV.—SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICTS.

CARLUKE SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply, ...	£110 0 0		
Wages of Lamplighters, ...	57 0 0		
Upkeep of Lamps, ...	35 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	4 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	1 0 0		
		£207	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£5 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	9 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	3 0 0		
		17	0 0
		£224	0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		34	0 0
Amount required, ...		£190	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £17,500.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£109 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £16,900.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	106 0 0		
		215	0 0
(Last year $1\frac{75}{120}$d. and $1\frac{75}{120}$d. per £.)			

CROSSLAW SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply, &c., ...	£10 0 0		
Wages of Lamplighters, ...	11 0 0		
Upkeep of Lamps, &c., ...	5 0 0		
		£26	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£1 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	3 0 0		
Interest on Bank Account, ...	2 0 0		
		6	0 0
		£32	0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		£3	0 0
Amount required, ...		£29	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £1,900.			
An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	£16 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £1,800.			
An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	15 0 0		
		31	0 0
(Same as last year.)			

DOUGLAS SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£2 0 0
Cost of Gas Supply, ...	£18 0 0		
Wages of Lamplighters, ...	10 0 0		
Upkeep of Lamps, ...	12 0 0		
		40 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£1 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	5 0 0		
		6 0 0	
Amount required, ...		£48 0 0	
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £3,600.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£26 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £3,300.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	24 0 0		
		50 0 0	
(Last year, $1\frac{60}{120}$d. and $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)			

LESMAHAGOW SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply, ...	£40 0 0		
Wages of Lamplighters, ...	10 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	2 0 0		
Upkeep of Lamps, ...	20 0 0		
Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	2 0 0		
		£74 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£2 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	7 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	3 0 0		
		12 0 0	
		£86 0 0	
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		16 0 0	
Amount required, ...		£70 0 0	
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £9,000.			
An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield ...	£37 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £8,400.			
An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield ...	35 0 0		
		72 0 0	
(Last year, $1\frac{30}{120}$d. and $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £.)			

V.—SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICTS.

CARLUKE SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Sweeping and Cleansing Streets, ...	£105 0 0		
Wages of Inspector, ...	13 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	4 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	2 0 0		
		£124 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		3 0 0	
		£127 0 0	
Receipts			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		14 0 0	
Amount required, ...		£113 0 0	
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £17,500.			
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{105}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£64 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £16,900.			
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{105}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	61 0 0		
		125 0 0	
(Same as last year.)			

DOUGLAS SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Sweeping and Cleansing Streets, ...	£68 0 0		
Rent and Upkeep of Coup, ...	5 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	2 0 0		
		£75	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		2	0 0
		£77	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		9	0 0
Amount required, ...		£68	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £3,600. An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£37 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £3,300. An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	34 0 0		
		71	0 0

(Last year, 3d. and 3d. per £.)

LEADHILLS SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Sweeping and Cleansing Streets, ...	£100	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	4	0 0
	£104	0 0

Receipts.

Contribution from Marquis of Linlithgow—one-half of annual expenditure, say, ...	52	0 0
Amount required, ...	£52	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £1,400. An Assessment thereon at $4\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ... £26 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £1,400. An Assessment thereon at $4\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ... 26 0 0	52	0 0

(First Assessment.)

LESMAHAGOW SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Sweeping and Cleansing Streets, ...	£110 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	4 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	2 0 0		
		£116	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		5	0 0
		£121	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		2	0 0
Amount required, ...		£119	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £9,000. An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	£75 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £8,400. An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	70 0 0		
		145	0 0

(Last year, $2\frac{30}{120}$d. and $2\frac{30}{120}$d. per £.)

DISTRICT OF THE MIDDLE WARD.

I.—HIGHWAYS.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...				£10,037	0 0
Maintenance—					
Surface Labour, ...	£14,960	0 0			
Materials for Surface Repairs (including Quarry Rents, &c.), ...	20,740	0 0			
Repairs to Bridges, Culverts, Drains, and Fences, ...	2,465	0 0			
			38,165	0	0
Purchase and Repair of Tools, ...	£850	0 0			
Repair and upkeep of Footpaths, ...	2,040	0 0			
Miscellaneous, ...	340	0 0			
Improvement of Roads and Bridges, ...	850	0 0			
Management and Miscellaneous—					
Salary of District Clerk and Treasurer (proportion),	415	0 0			
Salaries of Clerks in District Office (do.),	935	0 0			
Salaries of District Surveyors and Clerks, ...	1,400	0 0			
Engineer's and Staff's Salaries (proportion), ...	740	0 0			
Upkeep, &c., of Offices (do.), ...	350	0 0			
Printing, advertising, and stationery, ...	500	0 0			
Postages, receipt and agreement stamps, and petty outlays, ...	300	0 0			
Travelling and expenses of meetings and inspections,	1,000	0 0			
Law expenses, ...	50	0 0			
Miscellaneous, ...	50	0 0			
			9,820	0	0
Repayment of Debt, ...	£1,600	0 0			
Interest on Debt, ...	775	0 0			
Repayment of Debt (New District Offices), ...	250	0 0			
Interest on Debt (Do.), ...	150	0 0			
Expenses promoting The Lanark County Tramways Act, 1912 (proportion)	800	0 0			
Proportion of Expenses of Road Board (as per apportionment on page 14), ...	100	0 0			
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	900	0 0			
			4,575	0	0
			£62,597	0	0

Receipts.

Glasgow, &c., Subvention, ...	£1,500	0 0			
Government Grant, say, ...	2,000	0 0			
Grant from the Road Board, under Development and Road Improvement Funds Act, 1909, ...	3,500	0 0			
Gravel, sand, and metal sold, ...	800	0 0			
Payment by Lanarkshire Tramways Company, ...	700	0 0			
Miscellaneous, ...	900	0 0			
			9,400	0	0
Amount required, ...			£53,197	0	0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £1,264,100.					
An Assessment thereon at $5\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£26,994	0 0			
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £1,155,500.					
An Assessment thereon at $5\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£24,675	0 0			
Grant under Agricultural Rates Act, ...	1,600	0 0			
	26,275	0 0			
			53,269	0	0

(Last year, $4\frac{75}{120}$d. and $4\frac{75}{120}$d. per £.)

II.—PUBLIC HEALTH.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...				£6,258	0 0
Share of General Expenditure (as per apportionment on page 13), ...				5,172	0 0
District and Local Sanitary Inspectors' salaries, ...	£1,900	0	0		
Travelling expenses and subsistence of Sanitary Inspectors,	360	0	0		
Clerical assistance, ...	786	0	0		
Health Visitors' salaries and travelling expenses, ...	250	0	0		
Other expenses, ...	200	0	0		
				3,496	0 0
Fees for notification of diseases, ...				250	0 0
Fees for revaccination, ...				50	0 0
Upkeep of Hospitals—					
Blantyre Hospital, ...	£100	0	0		
Bothwell Do., ...	1,500	0	0		
Dalserf Do., ...	100	0	0		
Longriggend Hospital, ...	1,300	0	0		
Middle Ward Do., ...	7,000	0	0		
Shotts Do., ...	1,100	0	0		
Stonehouse Do., ...	1,400	0	0		
Lightburn Joint-Hospital (proportion), ...	1,500	0	0		
				14,000	0 0
Upkeep of Public Slaughter-houses—					
Bellshill Public Slaughter-house, ...				1,400	0 0
Blantyre Public Slaughter-house, ...				900	0 0
Larkhall Public Slaughter-house, ...				600	0 0
Stonehouse Public Slaughter-house, ...				230	0 0
Strathaven Public Slaughter-house, ...				50	0 0
Shotts Public Slaughter-house, ...				50	0 0
Interments and disinfecting and removing patients and clothing, ...				500	0 0
Cleaning sewers and cesspools, and scavenging, ...				20	0 0
Management and Miscellaneous—					
Salary of District Clerk and Treasurer (proportion), ...	£270	0	0		
Salaries of Clerks in District Office (do.), ...	630	0	0		
Upkeep, &c., of Offices (do.), ...	200	0	0		
Salaries of District Engineer and Staff (do.), ...	740	0	0		
Salary and Expenses of Drainage, &c., Inspector, ...	150	0	0		
Printing, advertising, and stationery, ...	500	0	0		
Travelling and office expenses, ...	450	0	0		
Expenses of meetings and inspections, ...	50	0	0		
Law expenses, ...	50	0	0		
Miscellaneous, ...	100	0	0		
				3,140	0 0
Other Payments—					
Returns of Births and Deaths, ...	£70	0	0		
Salary and Expenses of Veterinary Inspector, ...	115	0	0		
Miscellaneous, ...	50	0	0		
				235	0 0
Repayment of Debt (Hospitals, £3,800 10s.; Slaughter-houses, £650; Fire Hydrants, £80), ...	£4,530	10	0		
Interest on Debt, ...	2,000	0	0		
Repayment of Debt (New District Offices), ...	250	0	0		
Interest on Debt (Do.), ...	150	0	0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	370	0	0		
				7,300	10 0
				£43,651	10 0
Receipts.					
Proportion of Government Grant in relief of local rates,	£7,000	0	0		
Public Slaughter-houses dues, &c., ...	4,200	0	0		
Miscellaneous, ...	500	0	0		
				11,700	0 0
Amount required, ...				£31,951	10 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £1,264,100.					
An Assessment thereon at $3\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£16,460	0	0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £1,155,500.					
An Assessment thereon at $3\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£15,046	0	0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Act,	300	0	0		
	15,346	0	0		
				31,806	0 0

(Last year, $2\frac{15}{120}$d. and $2\frac{15}{120}$d. per £.)

III.—MIDDLE WARD WATER.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...						£2,971	0	0
Payments for water, ...	£120	0	0					
Feu-duties, wayleaves, rents, taxes, &c., ...	6,600	0	0					
Repairs, extensions, and upkeep of pipes, ...	1,800	0	0					
Salaries of water officers and clerks and wages of workmen,	3,450	0	0					
Salary of District Clerk and Treasurer (proportion), ...	138	0	0					
Salaries of Clerks in District Office (proportion), ...	312	0	0					
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	250	0	0					
Upkeep, &c., of Offices (proportion), ...	200	0	0					
Expenses of meetings and inspections, ...	50	0	0					
Miscellaneous, ...	80	0	0					
						13,000	0	0
Repayment of Instalments of Loans and Interest (Old Works), ...	£800	0	0					
Annual Instalment (principal and interest) in Repayment of Loan (New Works), ...	19,721	0	0					
Repayment of Debt (New Works—Supplementary), ...	3,200	0	0					
Interest on Debt (Do. do.), ...	4,300	0	0					
Repayment of Debt (New District Offices), ...	250	0	0					
Interest on Debt (Do.), ...	150	0	0					
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	680	0	0					
Interest on Bank Account, ...	40	0	0					
						29,141	0	0
						£45,112	0	0

Receipts.

Special Water Charges, &c., ...						10,000	0	0
Amount required, ...								£35,112 0 0

PUBLIC WATER RATE.

Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £1,167,000.								
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...					£7,294	0	0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £1,064,900.								
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£6,656	0	0					
Grant under Agricultural Rates Act,	400	0	0					
					7,056	0	0	
						£14,350	0	0

DOMESTIC WATER RATE.

Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £418,800.								
An Assessment thereon at $6\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield					£11,342	0	0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £371,400.								
An Assessment thereon at $6\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£10,059	0	0					
Grant under Agricultural Rates Act,	11	0	0					
					10,070	0	0	
						21,412	0	0
(Public Water Rate, same as last year. Domestic Water Rate last year, $5\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ and $5\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)								35,762 0 0

IV.—SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

AITKENHEAD AND TANNOCHSIDE SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...				£10	0	0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...				1	0	0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...				2	0	0		
Repayment of Debt—								
Sewerage, ...				13	0	0		
Purification, ...				15	0	0		
Interest on Debt—								
Sewerage, ...				6	0	0		
Purification, ...				17	0	0		
						£64	0	0
Carry forward, ...						£64	0	0

Brought forward, ...			£64 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			76 0 0
Owners estimated Valuation of District, £5,300.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£28 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £5,100.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	27 0 0		
		£55 0 0	

(Last year, $1\frac{60}{120}$d. and $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)

BAILLIESTON SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...	£30 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	5 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	5 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	15 0 0		
Purification, ...	75 0 0		
Interest on Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	5 0 0		
Purification, ...	50 0 0		
		£185 0 0	

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			436 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £12,100.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£76 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £11,400.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£71 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Act,	1 0 0		
	72 0 0		
		148 0 0	

(Same as last year.)

BELLSHILL AND MOSSEND SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...	£250 0 0		
Feu-duty, Wayleaves, &c., ...	100 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	10 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	20 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	20 0 0		
Repayment of New Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	140 0 0		
Purification, ...	330 0 0		
Interest on New Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	80 0 0		
Purification, ...	450 0 0		
		£1,400 0 0	

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			322 0 0
Amount required, ...			£1,078 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £52,000.			
An Assessment thereon at 3d. per £ will yield ...	£650 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £50,600.			
An Assessment thereon at 3d. per £ will yield	£632 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Act,	1 0 0		
	633 0 0		
		1,283 0 0	

(Last year 2d. and 2d. per £.)

BLANTYRE SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, and wages of workmen,			£200	0	0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...			15	0	0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...			15	0	0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			22	0	0
Repayment of New Debt—					
Sewerage, ...			230	0	0
Purification, ...			190	0	0
Interest on New Debt—					
Sewerage, ...			130	0	0
Purification, ...			100	0	0
					£902 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...					652 0 0
Amount required, ...					£250 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £47,400.					
An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...			£395	0	0
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £45,500.					
An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield	£379	0 0			
Grant under Agricultural Rates Act,	1	0 0			
			380	0	0
					775 0 0

(Same as last year.)

BOTHWELL SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...			£80	0	0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...			7	0	0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...			6	0	0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			6	0	0
Repayment of Debt—					
Purification, ...			90	0	0
Interest on Debt—					
Purification, ...			90	0	0
					£279 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...					144 0 0
Amount required, ...					£135 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £19,900.					
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...			£104	0	0
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £19,200.					
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...			100	0	0
					204 0 0

(Same as last year.)

BUSBY SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...					£7 0 0
Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...			£45	0	0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...			5	0	0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...			2	0	0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			5	0	0
Repayment of Debt—					
Sewerage, ...			10	0	0
Purification, ...			55	0	0
Interest on Debt—					
Sewerage, ...			4	0	0
Purification, ...			60	0	0
					186 0 0
Amount required, ...					£193 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £4,300.					
An Assessment thereon at $5\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...			£103	0	0
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £4,200.					
An Assessment thereon at $5\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...			101	0	0
					204. 0 0

(Same as last year.)

CAMBUSLANG SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, and wages of workmen,			£250	0	0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...			15	0	0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...			20	0	0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			30	0	0
Repayment of Old Debt and Interest, ...			92	0	0
Repayment of New Debt—					
Sewerage, ...			240	0	0
Purification, ...			420	0	0
Interest on New Debt—					
Sewerage, ...			110	0	0
Purification, ...			480	0	0
				£1,657	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...				760	0 0
Amount required, ...				£897	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £83,800.					
An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...		£698	0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £81,300.					
An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield	£677	0	0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Act,	5	0	0		
		682	0	0	
				1,380	0 0

(Last year $1\frac{90}{120}$d. and $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £.)

CARFIN AND CLEEKHIMIN SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...				£14	0 0
Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...		£8	0	0	
Feu-duty, ...		11	0	0	
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...		3	0	0	
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...		1	0	0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		3	0	0	
Repayment of New Debt—					
Sewerage, ...		32	0	0	
Purification, ...		20	0	0	
Interest on New Debt—					
Sewerage, ...		25	0	0	
Purification, ...		18	0	0	
				121	0 0
Amount required, ...				£135	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £4,000.					
An Assessment thereon at 4d. per £ will yield ...		£67	0	0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £3,800.					
An Assessment thereon at 4d. per £ will yield	£63	0	0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Act,	1	0	0		
		64	0	0	
				131	0 0

(Last year $3\frac{30}{120}$d. and $3\frac{30}{120}$d. per £.)

CHAPELHALL SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...				£71	0 0
Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...		£20	0	0	
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...		1	0	0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		3	0	0	
Repayment of Old Debt and Interest, ...		35	0	0	
Repayment of New Debt—Purification, ...		35	17	0	
Interest on New Debt— Do., ...		50	0	0	
				144	17 0
Carry forward, ...				£215	17 0

Brought forward, ...			£215 17 0
Amount required, ...			£215 17 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £3,900.			
An Assessment thereon at 6d. per £ will yield ...	£97 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £3,800.			
An Assessment thereon at 6d. per £ will yield ...	95 0 0		
		192	0 0

(Last year 5d. and 5d. per £.)

CLELAND AND OMOA SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		£66	0 0
Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...	£36 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	1 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	7 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	25 0 0		
Purification, ...	40 6 8		
Interest on Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	15 0 0		
Purification, ...	40 0 0		
		164	6 8
Amount required, ...		£230	6 8
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £4,300.			
An Assessment thereon at $6\frac{75}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£119 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £4,100.			
An Assessment thereon at $6\frac{75}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	113 0 0		
		232	0 0

(Same as last year.)

DALZELL AND NETHERTON SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...	£80 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	2 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	15 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	190 0 0		
Purification, ...	110 0 0		
Interest on Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	120 0 0		
Purification, ...	130 0 0		
		£647	0 0
		£647	0 0

Receipts.

*Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£446 0 0		
Payment from Town Council of Motherwell, ...	110 0 0		
		556	0 0
Amount required, ...		£91	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £19,500.			
An Assessment thereon at 4d. per £ will yield ...	£325 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £19,100.			
An Assessment thereon at 4d. per £ will yield	£318 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Act,	1 0 0		
	319 0 0		
		644	0 0

(Same as last year.)

*Represents sums received last year from Motherwell Town Council for drainage facilities for several years.

EAST KILBRIDE SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...	£85 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	5 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	5 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	12 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	90 0 0		
Purification, ...	90 0 0		
Interest on Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	45 0 0		
Purification, ...	110 0 0		
		£442	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		84	0 0
Amount required, ...		£358	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £7,850.			
An Assessment thereon at 6d. per £ will yield ...	£196 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District. £7,500.			
An Assessment thereon at 6d. per £ will yield ...	187 0 0		
		383	0 0

(Same as last year.)

HAMILTON ROAD SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Payment to Burgh of Motherwell, ...	£25 0 0		
Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...	3 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	10 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	2 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	12 0 0		
Interest on Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	10 0 0		
		£62	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		41	0 0
Amount required, ...		£21	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £5,200.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£32 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £5,100.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	31 0 0		
		63	0 0

(Same as last year.)

HOLYTOWN SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...	£35 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	2 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	2 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	2 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	22 0 0		
Purification, ...	5 0 0		
Interest on Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	12 0 0		
Purification.	6 0 0		
		£86	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		53	0 0
Amount required, ...		£33	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £4,700.			
An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	£39 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £4,600.			
An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	38 0 0		
		77	0 0

(Same as last year.)

LARKHALL SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Rents, wayleaves, &c.,			£40 0 0		
Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, and wages of workmen,			170 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,			10 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents,			5 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,			20 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—					
Sewerage,			260 0 0		
Purification,			130 0 0		
Interest on Debt—					
Sewerage,			110 0 0		
Purification,			150 0 0		
				£895	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912,			£217 0 0		
Rent of Braehead Farm and Slaughter-house Site,			45 0 0		
				262	0 0
Amount required,				£633	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £35,400.					
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{75}{120}$d. per £ will yield			£387 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £34,400.					
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{75}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£376 0 0				
Grant under Agricultural Rates Act,	2 0 0				
		378	0 0		
				765	0 0

(Same as last year.)

MOUNT VERNON SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Repairs, extensions, and upkeep,			£50 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents,			5 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,			12 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—					
Sewerage,			230 0 0		
Purification,			120 0 0		
Interest on Debt—					
Sewerage,			20 0 0		
Purification,			60 0 0		
				£497	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912,				395	0 0
Amount required,				£102	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £31,400.					
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield			£196 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £30,200.					
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£189 0 0				
Grant under Agricultural Rates Act,	7 0 0				
		196	0 0		
				392	0 0

(Same as last year.)

NEWMAINS SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Repairs, extensions, and upkeep,			£50 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,			5 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents,			10 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,			15 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—					
Sewerage,			100 0 0		
Purification,			160 0 0		
Interest on Debt—					
Sewerage,			85 0 0		
Purification,			200 0 0		
				£625	0 0
Carry forward,				£625	0 0

Brought forward, ...			£625 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			565 0 0
Amount required, ...			£60 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £25.000. An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£260 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £24,900. An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	259 0 0		
		519 0 0	
(Same as last year.)			

NEW STEVENSTON SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.			
Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...	£40 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,...	2 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	3 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	2 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—Sewerage, ...	25 0 0		
Interest on Debt— Do., ...	12 0 0		
		£84 0 0	
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			39 0 0
Amount required, ...			£45 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £9,300. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£29 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £8,900. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	28 0 0		
		57 0 0	
(Same as last year.)			

NEWTON AND FLEMINGTON SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.			
Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...	£60 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	15 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	10 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	15 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	170 0 0		
Purification, ...	160 0 0		
Interest on Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	65 0 0		
Purification, ...	110 0 0		
		£605 0 0	
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			198 0 0
Amount required, ...			£407 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £22,300. An Assessment thereon at 3d. per £ will yield ...	£279 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £22,100. An Assessment thereon at 3d. per £ will yield ...	276 0 0		
		555 0 0	
(Last year $2\frac{60}{120}$d. and $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)			

STONEHOUSE SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.			
Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...	£40 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	5 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	6 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—Sewerage, ...	100 0 0		
Interest on Debt— Do., ...	50 0 0		
		£201 0 0	
Carry forward, ...			£201 0 0

Brought forward, ...			£201 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			175 0 0
Amount required, ...			£26 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £8,100.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£84 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £7,600.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	79 0 0		
			163 0 0
(Same as last year.)			

STRATHAVEN SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.			
Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, ...	£180 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	10 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	3 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	22 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	150 0 0		
Purification, ...	200 0 0		
Interest on Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	80 0 0		
Purification.	175 0 0		
			£820 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			164 0 0
Amount required, ...			£656 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £16,000.			
An Assessment thereon at 6d. per £ will yield ...	£400 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £15,300.			
An Assessment thereon at 6d. per £ will yield ...	382 0 0		
			782 0 0
(Same as last year.)			

UDDINGSTON SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.			
Repairs, extensions, and upkeep, and wages of workmen,	£130 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	15 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	12 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	17 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	100 0 0		
Purification, ...	150 0 0		
Interest on Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	30 0 0		
Purification, ...	170 0 0		
			£624 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			371 0 0
Amount required, ...			£253 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £46,200.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£289 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £43,800.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	274 0 0		
			563 0 0
(Same as last year.)			

V.—SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICTS.

AITKENHEAD AND TANNOCHSIDE SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply for year,		£28 0 0
Wages of Lamplighters,		30 0 0
Upkeep of Lamps,		15 0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,		5 0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents,		3 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,		3 0 0
		£84 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912,		32 0 0
Amount required,		£52 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £5,400. An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield	£45 0 0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £5,100. An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield	42 0 0	
		87 0 0

(Same as last year.)

BAILLIESTON SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to bank at 15th May, 1912,		£8 0 0
Cost of Gas Supply for year,	£60 0 0	
Wages of Lamplighters,	40 0 0	
Upkeep of Lamps,	35 0 0	
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,	6 0 0	
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents,	2 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,	3 0 0	
Repayment of Debt,	12 0 0	
		158 0 0
Amount required,		£166 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £13,700. An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£86 0 0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £13,000. An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	81 0 0	
		167 0 0

(Last year, $1\frac{30}{120}$d. and $1\frac{30}{120}$d per £.)

BELLSHILL AND MOSSEND SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912,		£27 0 0
Cost of Gas Supply for year,	£180 0 0	
Wages of Inspector and Lamplighters,	110 0 0	
Upkeep of Lamps, &c.,	70 0 0	
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,	11 0 0	
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents,	5 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,	12 0 0	
Repayment of Debt,	30 0 0	
Interest on Debt,	12 0 0	
		430 0 0
Amount required,		£457 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £52,000. An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield	£217 0 0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £50,600. An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield	211 0 0	
		428 0 0

(Same as last year.)

BLANTYRE SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply for year,			£310 0 0
Wages of Lamplighters,			160 0 0
Upkeep of Lamps, &c.,			100 0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,			15 0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents,			10 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,			18 0 0
Repayment of Debt,			37 0 0
Interest on Debt,			12 0 0
			£662 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912,			161 0 0
Amount required,			£501 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £52,900.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£331 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £50,700.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	317 0 0		
		648 0 0	

(Same as last year.)

BOTHWELL SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply for year,			£150 0 0
Wages of Lamplighters,			95 0 0
Upkeep of Lamps,			70 0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,			12 0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents,			5 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,			9 0 0
Repayment of Debt,			20 0 0
Interest on Debt,			6 0 0
			£367 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912,			63 0 0
Amount required,			£304 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £22,900.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£167 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £22,100.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	161 0 0		
		328 0 0	

(Same as last year.)

BOTHWELL PARK SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912,			£9 0 0
Cost of Gas Supply for year,	£27 0 0		
Wages of Lamplighters,	22 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,	2 0 0		
Upkeep of Lamps,	2 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents,	2 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,	1 0 0		
Repayment of Debt,	6 0 0		
Interest on Debt,	2 0 0		
		64 0 0	
Amount required,		£73 0 0	
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £2,850.			
An Assessment thereon at $3\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£37 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £2,800.			
An Assessment thereon at $3\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	36 0 0		
		73 0 0	

(First Assessment.)

BUSBY SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£7 0 0
Cost of Gas Supply for year, ...	£25 0 0		
Wages of Lamplighters, ...	18 0 0		
Upkeep of Lamps, ...	14 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	2 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	1 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	2 0 0		
		62	0 0
Amount required, ...		£69	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £4,200. An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	£35 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £4,100. An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	34 0 0		
		69	0 0

(Same as last year.)

CALDERBANK SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply for year, including lighting, &c., ...		£44	0 0
Upkeep of Lamps, ...		2	0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,...		1	0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...		1	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		2	0 0
		£50	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		6	0 0
Amount required, ...		£44	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £7,700. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£24 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £7,600. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	24 0 0		
		48	0 0

(Same as last year.)

CAMBUSLANG SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas and Electric Light Supply for year, ...		£630	0 0
Wages of Lamplighters, ...		240	0 0
Upkeep of Lamps, ...		220	0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...		15	0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...		20	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		32	0 0
Repayment of Debt, ...		90	0 0
Interest on Debt, ...		36	0 0
		£1,283	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		125	0 0
Amount required, ...		£1,158	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £84,700. An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£618 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £82,200. An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	599 0 0		
		1,217	0 0

(Same as last year.)

CARMYLE SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply for year,		£35	0 0
Wages of Lamplighters,		30	0 0
Upkeep of Lamps,		20	0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,		3	0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents,		2	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,		3	0 0
		£93	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912,		20	0 0
Amount required,		£73	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District. £11,200. An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield	£47 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £10,700. An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield	45 0 0		
		92	0 0

(Same as last year.)

CLELAND AND OMOA SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912,		£25	0 0
Cost of Gas Supply for year,	£40 0 0		
Wages of Lamplighters,	35 0 0		
Upkeep of Lamps,	10 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,	5 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents,	3 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,	4 0 0		
Repayment of Debt,	10 0 0		
Interest on Debt,	5 0 0		
		112	0 0
Amount required,		£137	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £8,400. An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield	£70 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £8,300. An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield	69 0 0		
		139	0 0

(First Assessment.)

DALZELL AND NETHERTON SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply for year,		£70	0 0
Wages of Lamplighters,		70	0 0
Upkeep of Lamps, &c.,		20	0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,		3	0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents,		2	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,		5	0 0
Repayment of Debt,		25	0 0
Interest on Debt,		14	0 0
		£209	0 0

Receipts.

*Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912,		214	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £19,500. An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield	£81 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £19,100. An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield	80 0 0		
		£161	0 0

(Same as last year.)

* Last year's Gas Account, amounting to £36 3s. 6d., not paid.

EAST KILBRIDE SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912,...			£17 0 0
Cost of Gas Supply for year, ...	£55 0 0		
Wages of Lamplighters, ...	34 0 0		
Upkeep of Lamps, ...	20 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	4 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	1 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	3 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	4 0 0		
		121	0 0
Amount required, ...		£138	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £7,600. An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£71 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £7,300. An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	68 0 0		
		139	0 0

(Same as last year.)

GARTLEA SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply for year, including lighting, &c., ...	£20	0 0
Upkeep of Lamps, ...	2	0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	1	0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	1	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	1	0 0
	£25	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	3	0 0
Amount required, ...	£22	0 0

Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £1,500. An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	£13 0 0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £1,500. An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	13 0 0	
		26 0 0

(Same as last year.)

GLENGOWAN AND CALDERCRUIX SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply for year, ...	£25	0 0
Wages of Lamplighters, ...	30	0 0
Upkeep of Lamps, ...	5	0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	5	0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	10	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	6	0 0
Repayment of Debt, ...	10	0 0
Interest on Debt, ...	4	0 0
Amount required, ...	£95	0 0

Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £5,800. An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	£48 0 0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £5,700. An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	47 0 0	
		95 0 0

(First Assessment.)

HOLYTOWN, NEW STEVENSTON, AND CARFIN SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas and Electric Light Supply for year, ...			£200 0 0
Wages of Lamplighters, ...			110 0 0
Upkeep of Lamps, &c., ...			50 0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...			10 0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...			3 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			12 0 0
Repayment of Debt, ...			40 0 0
Interest on Debt, ...			12 0 0
			£437 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			15 0 0
Amount required, ...			£422 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £29,300.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£214 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £28,500.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	208 0 0		
			422 0 0

(Same as last year.)

LARKHALL SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply for year, ...			£160 0 0
Wages of Lamplighters, ...			100 0 0
Upkeep of Lamps, ...			60 0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...			5 0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...			10 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			9 0 0
			£344 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			66 0 0
Amount required, ...			£278 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £35,700.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£167 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £34,700.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	163 0 0		
			330 0 0

(Same as last year.)

NEWARTHILL SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply for year, ...			£40 0 0
Wages of Lamplighters, ...			40 0 0
Upkeep of Lamps, ...			10 0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...			4 0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...			10 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			3 0 0
Repayment of Debt, ...			9 0 0
Interest on Debt, ...			5 0 0
			£121 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			23 0 0
Amount required, ...			£98 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £5,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£57 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £4,800.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	55 0 0		
			112 0 0

(Same as last year.)

NEWMAINS SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply for year,			£80 0 0
Wages of Lamplighters,			75 0 0
Upkeep of Lamps,			30 0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,			5 0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents,			15 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,			6 0 0
Repayment of Debt,			26 0 0
Interest on Debt,			16 0 0
			£253 0 0

Receipts.

*Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912,			71 0 0
Amount required,			£182 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £25,000. An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield...	£117 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £24,900. An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield...	117 0 0		
		234 0 0	

(Same as last year.)

* Last year's Gas Account, amounting to £47 4s., not paid.

NORTH MOUNT VERNON SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912,			£5 0 0
Cost of Gas Supply for year,	£5 0 0		
Wages of Lamplighters,	7 0 0		
Upkeep of Lamps,	2 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents,	2 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,	1 0 0		
		17 0 0	
Amount required,			£22 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £1,700. An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£11 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £1,700. An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	11 0 0		
		22 0 0	

(Same as last year.)

SHOTTS AND DYKEHEAD SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply for year,			£130 0 0
Wages of Lamplighters,			80 0 0
Upkeep of Lamps,			60 0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,			10 0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents,			10 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,			9 0 0
Repayment of Debt,			25 0 0
Interest on Debt,			10 0 0
			£334 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912,			48 0 0
Amount required,			£286 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £20,800. An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield	£173 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £20,400. An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield	170 0 0		
		343 0 0	

(Same as last year.)

STONEHOUSE SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply for year, ...			£35 0 0
Wages of Lamplighters, ...			20 0 0
Upkeep of Lamps, ...			25 0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...			2 0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...			2 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			2 0 0
			£86 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			34 0 0
Amount required, ...			£52 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £8,400.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£44 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £7,800.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	41 0 0		
			85 0 0

(Same as last year.)

STRATHAVEN SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£32 0 0
Cost of Gas Supply for year, ...	£120 0 0		
Wages of Lamplighters, ...	60 0 0		
Upkeep of Lamps, ...	20 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	10 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	2 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	6 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	9 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	4 0 0		
			231 0 0
Amount required, ...			£263 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £15,800.			
An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	£132 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £15,300.			
An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	127 0 0		
			259 0 0

(Last year $1\frac{90}{120}$d. and $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £.)

UDDINGSTON SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Gas Supply for year, ...			£220 0 0
Wages of Lamplighters, ...			110 0 0
Upkeep of Lamps, ...			80 0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...			15 0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...			5 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			14 0 0
Repayment of Debt, ...			25 0 0
Interest on Debt.			10 0 0
			£479 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			177 0 0
Amount required, ...			£302 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £48,200.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£226 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £45,800.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	215 0 0		
			441 0 0

(Same as last year.)

VI.—SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICTS.

BAILLIESTON SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£67 0 0
Cost of sweeping and cleaning streets, &c., ...	£250 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	5 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	5 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	5 0 0		
		265 0 0	
Amount required, ...		£332 0 0	
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £13,700. An Assessment thereon at 3d. per £ will yield ...	£171 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £13,000. An Assessment thereon at 3d. per £ will yield ...	163 0 0		
		334 0 0	

(First Assessment.)

BELLSHILL AND MOSSEND SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£407 0 0
Cost of sweeping and cleaning streets, &c., ...	£850 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	11 0 0		
Upkeep of Urinals, ...	10 0 0		
Wages and upkeep of Destructor, ...	240 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	5 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	40 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	180 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	156 0 0		
		1,492 0 0	
Amount required, ...		£1,899 0 0	
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £52,000. *An Assessment thereon at 4d. per £ will yield ...	£867 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £50,600. *An Assessment thereon at 4d. per £ will yield ...	843 0 0		
		1,710 0 0	

(Last year $3\frac{60}{120}$d. and $3\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)

* Subject to the consent of the Local Government Board, under Section 16 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1908.

BLANTYRE SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£120 0 0
Cost of sweeping and cleaning streets, &c., ...	£500 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	15 0 0		
Wages and upkeep of Destructor, ...	250 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	10 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	20 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	115 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	100 0 0		
		1,010 0 0	
Amount required, ...		£1,130 0 0	
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £47,300. An Assessment thereon at 3d. per £ will yield ...	£591 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £45,500. An Assessment thereon at 3d. per £ will yield ...	569 0 0		
		1,160 0 0	

(Last year 2d. and 2d. per £.)

BOTHWELL SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of sweeping and cleaning streets, &c., ...		£245	0 0
Rent of land for destructor (proportion), ...		7	0 0
Wages and upkeep of destructor (proportion), ...		120	0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, &c., ...		13	0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...		10	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		13	0 0
Repayment of Debt, ...		25	0 0
Interest on Debt, ...		10	0 0
		£443	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		90	0 0
Amount required, ...		£353	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £22,900.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£215 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £22,100.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	207 0 0		
		422	0 0
(Same as last year.)			

CAMBUSLANG SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of sweeping and cleaning streets, &c., ...		£950	0 0
Wages and upkeep of destructor, ...		500	0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...		15	0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...		30	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		55	0 0
Repayment of Debt, ...		265	0 0
Interest on Debt, ...		170	0 0
		£1,985	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£131 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	70 0 0		
		201	0 0
Amount required, ...		£1,784	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £106,800.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£1,001 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £104,100.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	976 0 0		
		1,977	0 0
(Same as last year.)			

CARMYLE AND MOUNT VERNON SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of sweeping and cleaning streets, &c., ...		£250	0 0
Rent of stable and coup, ...		10	0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...		5	0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...		10	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		9	0 0
		£284	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		24	0 0
Amount required, ...		£260	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £30,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£156 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £28,800.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	150 0 0		
		306	0 0
(Last year $1\frac{60}{120}$d. and $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)			

DALZELL AND NETHERTON SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of sweeping and cleaning streets, &c., ...			£140 0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee,...			3 0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...			5 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			6 0 0
Repayment of Debt, ...			12 0 0
Interest on Debt, ...			10 0 0
			£176 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			116 0 0
Amount required, ...			£60 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £19,700. An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield ...	£82 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £19,400. An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield ...	81 0 0		
		163 0 0	

(Same as last year.)

GARTLEA SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£13 0 0
Cost of sweeping and cleaning streets, &c., ...	£17 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	1 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	1 0 0		
		19 0 0	
Amount required, ...			£32 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £1,500. An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£16 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £1,500. An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	16 0 0		
		32 0 0	

(Same as last year.)

HAMILTON ROAD SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£18 0 0
Cost of sweeping and cleaning streets, &c., ...	£34 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	1 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	2 0 0		
		37 0 0	
Amount required, ...			£55 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £5,200. An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£27 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £5,100. An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	27 0 0		
		54 0 0	

(First Assessment.)

HOLYTOWN, NEW STEVENSTON, AND CARFIN SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£145 0 0
Cost of sweeping and cleaning streets, &c., ...	£400 0 0		
Wages and upkeep of Destructor, ...	60 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	5 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	5 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	16 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	75 19 3		
Interest on Debt, ...	66 0 0		
			627 19 3
Amount required, ...			£772 19 3
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £29,300. An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£336 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £28,500. An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	327 0 0		
			663 0 0

(Last year $2\frac{60}{120}$d. and $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)

SALSBURGH SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£1 0 0
Cost of sweeping and cleaning streets, &c., ...	£24 0 0		
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...	6 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	1 0 0		
			31 0 0
Amount required, ...			£32 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £1,300. An Assessment thereon at 3d. per £ will yield ...	£16 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £1,300. An Assessment thereon at 3d. per £ will yield ...	16 0 0		
			32 0 0

(Same as last year.)

STRATHAVEN SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of sweeping and cleaning streets, &c., ...			£140 0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...			10 0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents, ...			2 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			3 0 0
			£155 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			108 0 0
Amount required, ...			£47 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £15,800. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£49 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £15,300. An Assessment thereon at $\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	48 0 0		
			97 0 0

(Same as last year.)

UDDINGSTON SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT

Expenditure.

Cost of sweeping and cleaning streets, &c.,		£570	0 0
Rent of land for destructor (proportion),		13	0 0
Wages and upkeep of destructor (proportion),		240	0 0
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, &c.,		18	0 0
Printing, postages, stationery, and incidents.		10	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection,		28	0 0
Repayment of Debt,		70	0 0
Interest on Debt,		25	0 0
		£974	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912,		25	0 0
Amount required,		£949	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £48,900. An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£509 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £46,400. An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	483 0 0		
		992	0 0

(Last year $2\frac{75}{120}$d. and $2\frac{75}{120}$d. per £.)

DISTRICT OF THE LOWER WARD.

I.—HIGHWAYS.

Expenditure.

Maintenance (as per Surveyor's Annual Report)—					
Surface Labour, ...	£6,190	0	0		
Materials for Surface Repairs, ...	5,360	0	0		
Repairs to Bridges, Culverts, Drains, and Fences, ...	200	0	0		
Purchase and Repair of Tools, ...	100	0	0		
Footpaths, Kerbing, and Causewaying Crossings, ...	1,650	0	0		
Miscellaneous, ...	113	0	0		
Improvement of Roads and Bridges, ...	200	0	0		
	£13,813	0	0		
Tar Macadam and Tar Spraying, ...	1,000	0	0		
				£14,813	0 0
Management and Miscellaneous—					
Salary of District Clerk and Treasurer (proportion),...	£525	0	0		
Salary of District Surveyor, &c., ...	425	0	0		
Rent, Cleaning, and Lighting of Surveyor's Office, ...	25	0	0		
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery, ...	150	0	0		
Postages, Receipt and Agreement Stamps, and Petty Outlays, ...	70	0	0		
Expenses of Meetings and Inspections, ...	15	0	0		
Law Expenses, including Court Proceedings, ...	300	0	0		
Expenses connected with Provisional Orders, &c., ...	250	0	0		
Miscellaneous, ...	300	0	0		
				2,060	0 0
Proportion of Expenses of Road Board, as per apportionment on page 14, ...	£26	0	0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	234	0	0		
				260	0 0
Proportion of Expenditure for Dalmarnock and Rutherglen Joint Bridges, ...				120	0 0
				£17,253	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£1,238	0	0		
Subventions, ...	6,000	0	0		
Government Grant towards cost of Maintaining Roads, ...	615	0	0		
Grant from the Road Board under the Development and Road Improvement Funds Act, 1909, ...	672	0	0		
Contribution in lieu of Rates on Government Property, ...	138	0	0		
Interest on County Reserve Monies (proportion), ...	75	0	0		
Miscellaneous, ...	75	0	0		
				8,813	0 0
Amount required, ...				£8,440	0 0

Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £324,000.					
An Assessment thereon at $3\frac{45}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£4,556	0	0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £295,000.					
An Assessment thereon at $3\frac{45}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£4,148	0	0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts,	349	0	0		
	4,497	0	0		
				9,053	0 0

(Same as last year.)

II.—PUBLIC HEALTH.

Expenditure.

Share of General Expenditure, as per apportionment on page 13, ...				£1,325	0 0
District and Local Sanitary Inspectors' Salaries, ...	£820	0	0		
Travelling Expenses of Sanitary Inspectors, ...	50	0	0		
Clerical Assistance in Sanitary Office, ...	150	0	0		
Other Expenses, ...	300	0	0		
				1,320	0 0
Carry forward, ...				£2,645	0 0

Brought forward, ...			£2,645 0 0
Fees for Notification of Diseases, ...			90 0 0
Upkeep of Hospitals—			
Lightburn, ...	£2,200 0 0		
Shieldhall, ...	150 0 0		
Middle Ward Hospitals (Phthisis), ...	100 0 0		
		2,450 0 0	
Interments, Disinfecting and Removing Patients and Clothing,... ...			50 0 0
Cleaning Sewers and Cesspools, and Scavenging, ...			180 0 0
Fire Plugs and Ball Hydrants for Fire-extinguishing purposes, ...			250 0 0
Management and Miscellaneous—			
Salary of District Clerk and Treasurer (proportion),	£525 0 0		
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery, ...	160 0 0		
Postages and Petty Outlays, ...	60 0 0		
Expenses of Meetings and Inspections, ...	10 0 0		
Law Expenses, including Prosecutions, ...	50 0 0		
Expenses connected with Provisional Orders, &c., ...	250 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	250 0 0		
		1,305 0 0	
Other Payments—			
Returns of Births and Deaths, ...	£30 0 0		
Returns of Conscientious Objectors to Vaccination, ...	5 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	50 0 0		
		85 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			110 0 0
			£7,165 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£701 0 0		
Proportion of Government Grant in relief of local rates,	1,775 0 0		
Contribution in lieu of Rates on Government Property, ...	60 0 0		
Interest on County Reserve Monies (proportion), ...	25 0 0		
		2,561 0 0	
Amount required, ...			£4,604 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £324,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£2,363 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £295,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£2,151 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts,	190 0 0		
	2,341 0 0		
		4,704 0 0	

(Last year, $1\frac{60}{120}$d. and $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)

III.—SPECIAL WATER DISTRICTS.

NORTH CADDER SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Payments for Water, ...	£450 0 0		
Feu-duties, Wayleaves, Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	30 0 0		
Repairs, Extensions, and Upkeep of Pipes, &c., ...	40 0 0		
Salaries of Water Officers, ...	70 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	15 0 0		
Engineers' Fees, ...	10 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	5 0 0		
		£620 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£18 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	400 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	220 0 0		
		638 0 0	
Carry forward, ...			£1,258 0 0

Brought forward, ...			£1,258 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£170 0 0		
Special Water and Meter Charges, ...	300 0 0		
		470 0 0	
Amount required, ...		£788 0 0	
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £19,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $6\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£515 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £12,600.			
An Assessment thereon at $6\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	341 0 0		
		856 0 0	
(Last year, $7\frac{30}{120}$d. and $7\frac{30}{120}$d. per £.)			

SOUTH CADDER SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.			
Payments for Water, ...	£2,400 0 0		
Feu-duties, Wayleaves, Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	90 0 0		
Repairs, Extensions, and Upkeep of Pipes, &c., ...	120 0 0		
Salaries of Water Officers, ...	210 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	20 0 0		
Engineers' Fees, ...	20 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	30 0 0		
		£2,890 0 0	
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£60 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	690 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	330 0 0		
		1,080 0 0	
		£3,970 0 0	
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...	£743 0 0		
Special Water and Meter Charges, ...	1,300 0 0		
Water Connections, ...	3 0 0		
		2,046 0 0	
Amount required, ...		£1,924 0 0	
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £61,000.			
An Assessment thereon at 5d. per £ will yield ...	£1,271 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £47,200.			
An Assessment thereon at 5d. per £ will yield ...	983 0 0		
		2,254 0 0	
(Last year, $5\frac{60}{120}$d. and $5\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)			

SOUTH LENZIE SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT.

Expenditure.			
Burgh of Kirkintilloch, in terms of Agreement of 1875,	£346 0 0		
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, &c., ...	8 0 0		
		£354 0 0	
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		13 0 0	
Amount required, ...		£341 0 0	
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £7,600.			
An Assessment thereon at 6d. per £ will yield ...	£190 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District. £7,100.			
An Assessment thereon at 6d. per £ will yield	£177 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, ...	3 0 0		
	180 0 0		
		370 0 0	
(Same as last year.)			

IV.—SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

BARONY SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Repairs, Extensions, and Upkeep, ...	£100 0 0		
Wages of Workmen, ...	65 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	10 0 0		
Engineers' Fees, ...	20 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	25 0 0		
		£220	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£35 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	900 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	225 0 0		
		1,160	0 0
		£1,380	0 0

Receipts.

Contribution in lieu of Rates on Government Property, ...	£44 0 0		
Drainage Connections, ...	45 0 0		
		89	0 0
Amount required, ...		£1,291	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £117,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{45}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£670 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £110,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{45}{120}$d. per £ will yield £630 0 0			
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, 18 0 0			
	648 0 0		
		1,318	0 0

(Last year, 1d. and 1d. per £.)

NOTE.—In addition, the Glasgow Sewage Purification Rate to be levied on the Northern portion of the District within the limits of the Glasgow Corporation (Police) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1901, is 2d. on Owners and 2d. on Occupiers.

(Same as last year.)

NOTE.—In the southern portion of the district, outwith the Glasgow Sewage Purification Area, the following is the estimate of Expenditure for Purification and Disposal Works for the current year :—

Feu-duties, Wayleaves, Rents, and Taxes, ...	£160 0 0		
Repairs, Extensions and Upkeep, ...	30 0 0		
Wages of Workmen, ...	100 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery and Incidents, ...	10 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	20 0 0		
		£320	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£20 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	230 0 0		
Interest on Debt.	220 0 0		
		470	0 0
		£790	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		£235	0 0
Amount required, ...		£555	0 0
Owners estimated Valuation of District, £65,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£406 0 0		
Occupiers estimated Valuation of District, £61,700.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	386 0 0		
		792	0 0

(Last year, $1\frac{45}{120}$d. and $1\frac{45}{120}$d. per £.)

BISHOPBRIGGS AND AUCHINAIRN SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Feu-duties, Wayleaves, Rents, and Taxes, ...	£12 0 0		
Repairs, Extensions, and Upkeep, ...	15 0 0		
Wages of Workmen.	60 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	5 0 0		
		£92	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£20 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	390 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	275 0 0		
		685	0 0
Carry forward, ...		£777	0 0

Brought forward, ...					£777 0 0
Amount required, ...					777 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £17,000.					
An Assessment thereon at $5\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...			£390 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £16,300.					
An Assessment thereon at $5\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...			373 0 0		
					763 0 0
(Last Year, $4\frac{60}{120}$d. and $4\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)					

CARMUNNOCK SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Repairs, Extensions, and Upkeep, ...		£15 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...		6 0 0		
			£21	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		£3 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—Sewerage, ...	£29 0 0			
Purification.... ...	15 0 0			
		44 0 0		
Interest on Debt—Sewerage, ...	£26 0 0			
Purification.	22 0 0			
		48 0 0		
			95	0 0
			£116	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			90	0 0
Amount required, ...			£26	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District. £2.200.				
An Assessment thereon at 5d. per £ will yield ...		£46 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £2,000.				
An Assessment thereon at 5d. per £ will yield	£42 0 0			
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, ...	1 0 0			
		43 0 0		
			£89	0 0
(Last year $3\frac{60}{120}$d. and $3\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)				

CHRYSTON AND MUIRHEAD SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Feu Duties, Wayleaves, Rents, and Taxes, ...		£5 0 0		
Repairs, Extensions, and Upkeep, ...		10 0 0		
Wages of Workmen, ...		45 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...		5 0 0		
			£65	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		£15 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—Sewerage, ...	£200 0 0			
Purification, ...	50 0 0			
		250 0 0		
Interest on Debt—Sewerage, ...	£180 0 0			
Purification, ...	75 0 0			
		255 0 0		
			520	0 0
			£585	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			132	0 0
Amount required, ...			£453	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £9,500,				
An Assessment thereon at 6d. per £ will yield, ...		£237 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £9,000.				
An Assessment thereon at 6d. per £ will yield, ...		225 0 0		
			462	0 0
(Same as last year.)				

RUTHERGLEN SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£73 0 0
Feu-duties, Wayleaves, Rents, and Taxes, ...	£25 0 0		
Repairs, Extensions, and Upkeep, ...	60 0 0		
Wages of Workmen, ...	5 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	5 0 0		
			95 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£15 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	£55 0 0		
Purification, ...	120 0 0		
	175 0 0		
Interest on Debt—			
Sewerage, ...	£40 0 0		
Purification, ...	170 0 0		
	210 0 0		
			400 0 0
Amount required, ...			£568 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £35,700.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£223 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £34,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	212 0 0		
			435 0 0

(Last year, $1\frac{30}{120}$d. and $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £.)

In addition, the Glasgow Sewage Purification Rate to be levied within Lanarkshire Area No. 1 (whole of the Parish of Rutherglen) as scheduled to the Glasgow Corporation (Sewage, &c.) Act, 1898, is 2d. per £ on Owners and 2d. per £ on Occupiers.

(Same as last year.)

SOUTH LENZIE SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			£43 0 0
Burgh of Kirkintilloch, in terms of Agreement of 1887, ...			*Nil.*
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£5 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	200 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	45 0 0		
			£250 0 0
			£293 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance due by Burgh of Kirkintilloch, ...			94 0 0
Amount required, ...			£199 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £9,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£94 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £8,300.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£86 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, ...	7 0 0		
	93 0 0		
			187 0 0

(Last year $2\frac{30}{120}$d. and $2\frac{30}{120}$d. per £.)

STEPPS SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Feu-duties, Wayleaves, Rents, and Taxes, ...	£10 0 0		
Repairs, Extensions, and Upkeep, ...	40 0 0		
Wages of Workmen, ...	50 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	5 0 0		
			£105 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£8 0 0		
Repayment of Debt—Sewerage, ...	£160 0 0		
Purification,... ...	10 0 0		
	170 0 0		
Interest on Debt—Sewerage, ...	£120 0 0		
Purification, ...	15 0 0	135 0 0	
			313 0 0
			£418 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			131 0 0
Amount required, ...			£287 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £10,400.			
An Assessment thereon at 4d. per £ will yield ...	£173 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £9,400.			
An Assessment thereon at 4d. per £ will yield ...	157 0 0		
			330 0 0

(Same as last year.)

V.—SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICTS.

BISHOPBRIGGS SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Gas Supply, ...	£66 0 0		
Wages of Lamplighters, ...	55 0 0		
Upkeep of Lamps, &c., ...	32 0 0		
Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	9 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	7 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	2 0 0		
		£171	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£6 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	12 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	4 0 0		
		22	0 0
		£193	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		25	0 0
Amount required, ...		£168	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £15,800.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£98 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £15,500.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	96 0 0		
		194	0 0
(Last year, $1\frac{90}{120}$d. and $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £.)			

CHRYSTON AND MUIRHEAD SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Gas Supply, ...	£50 0 0		
Wages of Lamplighters, ...	38 0 0		
Upkeep of Lamps, &c., ...	18 0 0		
Rents, Taxes, &c.,...	3 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	6 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	4 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	4 0 0		
		£123	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£4 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	10 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	7 0 0		
		21	0 0
		£144	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		10	0 0
Amount required, ...		£134	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £7,800.			
An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	£65 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £7,400.			
An Assessment thereon at 2d. per £ will yield ...	62 0 0		
		127	0 0
(Last year, $2\frac{60}{120}$d. and $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)			

LAMBHILL SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		£18 0 0
Gas Supply, ...	£26 0 0	
Wages of Lamplighters, ...	39 0 0	
Upkeep of Lamps, &c., ...	12 0 0	
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	5 0 0	
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	3 0 0	
		85 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£4 0 0	
Repayment of Debt, ...	5 0 0	
		9 0 0
Amount required, ...		£112 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £5,500.		
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£57 0 0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £4,900.		
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{60}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	51 0 0	
		108 0 0

(Same as last year.)

LINTHOUSE SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Gas Supply, ...	£40 0 0	
Wages of Lamplighters, and Uniforms, ...	25 0 0	
Upkeep of Lamps, &c., ...	10 0 0	
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	4 0 0	
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	1 0 0	
		£80 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£2 0 0	
Repayment of Debt, ...	15 0 0	
Interest on Debt, ...	2 0 0	
		19 0 0
		£99 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		59 0 0
Amount required, ...		£40 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £24,000.		
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{45}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£37 0 0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £23,300.		
An Assessment thereon at $\frac{45}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	36 0 0	
		73 0 0

(Last year, $\frac{60}{120}$d. and $\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)

MILLERSTON AND STEPPS SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Gas Supply, ...	£71 0 0	
Wages of Lamplighters, ...	55 0 0	
Upkeep of Lamps, &c., ...	49 0 0	
New Lamps, ...	13 0 0	
Rent, Taxes, &c., ...	4 0 0	
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	10 0 0	
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	5 0 0	
		£207 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£6 0 0	
Repayment of Debt, ...	18 0 0	
Interest on Debt, ...	8 0 0	
		32 0 0
		£239 0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		45 0 0
Amount required, ...		£194 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £13,000.		
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£115 0 0	
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £12,200.		
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	108 0 0	
		223 0 0

(Same as last year.)

RUTHERGLEN SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Gas Supply, ...	£220 0 0		
Wages of Lamplighters, ...	140 0 0		
Upkeep of Lamps, &c., ...	40 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	10 10 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	6 10 0		
		£417	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£18 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	25 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	8 0 0		
		51	0 0
		£468	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		91	0 0
Amount required, ...		£377	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £25,500.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£186 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £24,400.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	178 0 0		
		364	0 0
(Last year, $1\frac{60}{120}$d. and $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)			

SHETTLESTON AND TOLLCROSS SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		£23	0 0
Gas Supply, ...	£383 0 0		
Wages of Lamplighters, and Uniforms, ...	463 0 0		
Upkeep of Lamps, &c., ...	109 0 0		
Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	12 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	40 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	15 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	10 0 0		
		1,032	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£35 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	65 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	18 0 0		
		118	0 0
Amount required, ...		£1,173	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £105,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£547 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £99,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield	£516 0 0		
Grant under Agricultural Rates Acts, ...	4 0 0		
	520 0 0		
		1,067	0 0
(Same as last year.)			

SOUTH LENZIE SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Gas Supply, ...	£40 0 0		
Wages of Lamplighters, and Uniforms, ...	35 0 0		
Upkeep of Lamps, &c., ...	54 0 0		
Rents, Taxes, &c., ...	7 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	5 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	6 0 0		
		£147	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		4	0 0
		£151	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		24	0 0
Amount required, ...		£127	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £7,900.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£74 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District. £7,400.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield	69 0 0		
		143	0 0

(Last year, $2\frac{90}{120}$d. and $2\frac{90}{120}$d. per £.)

VI.—SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICTS.

BISHOPBRIGGS AND AUCHINAIRN SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		£3	0 0
Cost of Sweeping and Cleansing Streets, &c., ...	£227 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	8 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	1 0 0		
Upkeep of Urinal, ...	20 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	2 0 0		
		258	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£7 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	7 0 0		
		14	0 0
Amount required, ...		£275	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £16,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£142 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £15,600.			
An Assessment thereon at $2\frac{15}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	138 0 0		
		280	0 0

(Last year, 2d. and 2d. per £.)

CHRYSTON AND MUIRHEAD SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Sweeping and Cleansing Streets, &c., ...	£100 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	5 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	3 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	1 0 0		
		£109	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		4	0 0
		£113	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		18	0 0
Amount required, ...		£95	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £7,600.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{75}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£51 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £7,300.			
An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{75}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	49 0 0		
		100	0 0

(Last year $1\frac{105}{120}$d. and $1\frac{105}{120}$d. per £.)

RUTHERGLEN SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT

Expenditure.

Cost of Sweeping and Cleansing Streets, &c., ...	£157 0 0		
Cost of Destruction of Refuse, ...	85 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	5 5 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	3 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	6 15 0		
		£257	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		10	0 0
		£267	0 0

Receipts.

Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		67	0 0
Amount required, ...		£200	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £25,300.			
An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield ...	£105 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £24,200.			
An Assessment thereon at 1d. per £ will yield ...	101 0 0		
		206	0 0

(Same as last year.)

SHETTLESTON AND TOLLCROSS SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Balance due to Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...		£157	0 0
Cost of Sweeping and Cleansing Streets, &c., ...	£1,562 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	15 0 0		
Dust Carts and Repairs, ...	50 0 0		
Refuse Destructor, including Feu-duty and Rent and Upkeep of Coup, ...	695 0 0		
Upkeep of Urinals, ...	8 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	15 0 0		
		2,345	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...	£90 0 0		
Repayment of Debt, ...	200 0 0		
Interest on Debt, ...	145 0 0		
		435	0 0
		£2,937	0 0

Receipts.

Sale of Clinker and Old Metal, ...		84	0 0
Amount required, ...		£2,853	0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District. £102,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $3\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£1,381 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £96,000.			
An Assessment thereon at $3\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	1,300 0 0		
		2,681	0 0

(Same as last year.)

SOUTH LENZIE SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.

Cost of Sweeping and Cleansing Streets, &c., ...	£105 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	5 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	4 0 0		
Rent of Depot, ...	3 0 0		
		£117	0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...		3	0 0
Carry forward, ...		£120	0 0

Brought forward, ...			£120 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912.			9 0 0
Amount required, ...			£111 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £7,900. An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£57 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £7,400. An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{90}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	54 0 0		111 0 0

(Same as last year.)

STEPPS SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Expenditure.			
Cost of Sweeping and Cleansing Streets, &c., ...	£90 0 0		
Salary of Clerk to Sub-Committee, ...	8 0 0		
Printing, Postages, Stationery, and Incidents, ...	5 0 0		
Rent and Upkeep of Coup.	5 0 0		
Miscellaneous, ...	2 0 0		£110 0 0
Expenses of Assessment and Collection, ...			3 0 0
			£113 0 0
Receipts.			
Balance in Bank at 15th May, 1912, ...			34 0 0
Amount required, ...			£79 0 0
Owners Estimated Valuation of District, £9,900. An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	£52 0 0		
Occupiers Estimated Valuation of District, £9,400. An Assessment thereon at $1\frac{30}{120}$d. per £ will yield ...	49 0 0		101 0 0

(Last year, $1\frac{60}{120}$d. and $1\frac{60}{120}$d. per £.)

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED RATES.

To ascertain and compare the amount of the Consolidated Rate on a property in any of the undermentioned Districts, it is to be kept in mind that the "County," "Road," and the "Public Health" Rates are, except as regards Burghs, common to the whole District, and that if the property is within a Special District or the Middle Ward Water District the rate or rates thereof fall to be added.

UPPER WARD DISTRICT.

	OWNERS. 1912-1913.	1911-1912.	Increase.	Decrease.	OCCUPIERS. 1912-1913.	1911-1912.	Increase.	Decrease.
Cumulo of County, Road, and Public Health Rates, ...	$11\frac{77}{120}$d.	$11\frac{79}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{2}{120}$d.	$9\frac{100}{120}$d.	$9\frac{102}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{2}{120}$d.
Do. County Rates (Burgh of Biggar),	$3\frac{59}{120}$d.	$3\frac{49}{120}$d.	$\frac{10}{120}$d.	—	$1\frac{82}{120}$d.	$1\frac{72}{120}$d.	$\frac{10}{120}$d.	—
Blackwood Special Water District, ...	9d.	$9\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	9d.	$9\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{60}{120}$d.
Braidwood do. do., ...	6d.	$7\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	6d.	$7\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.
Carluke do. do., ...	$3\frac{60}{120}$d.	$4\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	1d.	$3\frac{60}{120}$d.	$4\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	1d.
Do. do. Drainage District,	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.
Do. do. Lighting do.,	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{75}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{15}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{75}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{15}{120}$d.
Do. do. Scavenging do.,	$\frac{105}{120}$d.	$\frac{105}{120}$d.	—	—	$\frac{105}{120}$d.	$\frac{105}{120}$d.	—	—
Carnwath Special Water District, ...	$4\frac{60}{120}$d.	4d.	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$4\frac{60}{120}$d.	4d.	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	—
Do. do. Drainage do., ...	$8\frac{30}{120}$d.	$8\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	$8\frac{30}{120}$d.	$8\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.
Crawford do. Water do., ...	$3\frac{60}{120}$d.	3d.	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$3\frac{60}{120}$d.	3d.	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	—
Crosslaw do. Drainage do., ...	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Lighting do.. ...	2d.	2d.	—	—	2d.	2d.	—	—
Douglas do. Water do., ...	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	1d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	1d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—
Do. do. Drainage do., ...	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.
Do. do. Lighting do., ...	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—
Do. do. Scavenging District, ...	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	3d.	—	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	3d.	—	$\frac{60}{120}$d.
Forth Special Water District, ...	1/2	7d.	7d.	—	1/2	7d.	7d.	—
Kirkfieldbank Special Water District, ...	$6\frac{60}{120}$d.	$6\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—	$6\frac{60}{120}$d.	$6\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—
Law do. do. do., ...	1d.	1d.	—	—	1d.	1d.	—	—
Do. do. Drainage do., ...	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—
Leadhills Special Scavenging do., ...	$4\frac{60}{120}$d.	— First Assessment.			$4\frac{60}{120}$d.	— First Assessment.		
Lesmahagow do. Water do., ...	$5\frac{90}{120}$d.	$5\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—	$5\frac{90}{120}$d.	$5\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Drainage do., ...	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	1d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	1d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.
Do. do. Lighting do., ...	1d.	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	1d.	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.
Do. do. Scavenging do., ...	2d.	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	2d.	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.
Roberton do. Water do., ...	1s. 3d.	1s. 3d.	—	—	1s. 3d.	1s. 3d.	—	—
Symington do. do. do., ...	$7\frac{60}{120}$d.	— First Assessment.			$7\frac{60}{120}$d.	— First Assessment.		
Thankerton do. do. do., ...	7d.	$8\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	7d.	$8\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.
Do. do. Drainage do., ...	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—

MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT.

	OWNERS. 1912-1913.	1911-1912.	Increase.	Decrease.	OCCUPIERS. 1912-1913.	1911-1912.	Increase.	Decrease.
Cumulo of County, Road, and Public Health Rates (Parishes of Avondale, Blantyre, Bothwell H, Cambuslang, Cambusnethan, Dalserf, Dalziel, East Kilbride, Glasford, Hamilton, Shotts H, and Stonehouse), ...	1s. $0\frac{65}{120}$d.	$10\frac{99}{120}$d.	$1\frac{86}{120}$d.	—	$10\frac{56}{120}$d.	$8\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{86}{120}$d.	—
Cumulo of County, Road, and Public Health Rates (Parishes of Bothwell A, New Monkland, Old Monkland, and Shotts A), ...	1s. $0\frac{117}{120}$d.	$11\frac{22}{120}$d.	$1\frac{95}{120}$d.	—	$10\frac{45}{120}$d.	$8\frac{70}{120}$d.	$1\frac{95}{120}$d.	—
Do. do. (Burgh of Motherwell),	$4\frac{42}{120}$d.	$4\frac{39}{120}$d.	$\frac{3}{120}$d.	—	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{87}{120}$d.	$\frac{3}{120}$d.	—
Do. do. (Burgh of Wishaw),	$1\frac{102}{120}$d.	$1\frac{99}{120}$d.	$\frac{3}{120}$d.	—	$1\frac{39}{120}$d.	$1\frac{36}{120}$d.	$\frac{3}{120}$d.	—
Middle Ward Water District—Public Rate,	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Domestic Rate,	$6\frac{60}{120}$d.	$5\frac{60}{120}$d.	1d.	—	$6\frac{60}{120}$d.	$5\frac{60}{120}$d.	1d.	—
Aitkenhead and Tannochside Special Drainage District, ...	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.
Aitkenhead and Tannochside Special Lighting District, ...	2d.	2d.	—	—	2d.	2d.	—	—
Baillieston Special Drainage District, ...	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Lighting do., ...	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—
Do. do. Scavenging do., ...	3d.	— First Assessment.			3d.	— First Assessment.		
Bellshill Special Drainage District, ...	3d.	2d.	1d.	—	3d.	2d.	1d.	—
Bellshill and Mossend Special Lighting District, ...	1d.	1d.	—	—	1d.	1d.	—	—

MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT—*Continued.*

	OWNERS.				OCCUPIERS.			
	1912-1913.	1911-1912.	Increase.	Decrease.	1912-1913.	1911-1912.	Increase.	Decrease.
Bellshill and Mossend Special Scavenging District,	4d.	$3\frac{60}{120}$d.	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	4d.	$3\frac{60}{120}$d.	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	—
Do. do. Electric Lighting Order,	$\frac{100}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	$\frac{70}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{100}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	$\frac{70}{120}$d.	—
Blantyre Special Drainage District, ...	2d.	2d.	—	—	2d.	2d.	—	—
Do. do. Lighting do., ...	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Scavenging do., ...	3d.	2d.	1d.	—	3d.	2d.	1d.	—
Do. Electric Lighting Order, ...	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—
Bothwell Special Drainage do., ...	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Lighting do., ...	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Scavenging do., ...	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. Electric Lighting Order, ...	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	$\frac{45}{120}$d.	$\frac{45}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	$\frac{45}{120}$d.	$\frac{45}{120}$d.	—
Bothwell Park Special Lighting District,	$3\frac{15}{120}$d.	—	First assessment.		$3\frac{15}{120}$d.	—	First assessment.	
Busby Special Drainage District, ...	$5\frac{90}{120}$d.	$5\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—	$5\frac{90}{120}$d.	$5\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Lighting do., ...	2d.	2d.	—	—	2d.	2d.	—	—
Calderbank Special Lighting District, ...	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—
Cambuslang do. Drainage do., ...	2d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	2d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—
Do. do. Lighting do., ...	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Scavenging do., ...	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. Electric Lighting Order, ...	1d.	1d.	—	—	1d.	1d.	—	—
Carfin and Cleekhimin Special Drainage District, ...	4d.	$3\frac{30}{120}$d.	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	4d.	$3\frac{30}{120}$d.	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	—
Carmyle Special Lighting District, ...	1d.	1d.	—	—	1d.	1d.	—	—
Carmyle and Mount Vernon Special Scavenging District, ...	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.
Chapelhall Special Drainage District, ...	6d.	5d.	1d.	—	6d.	5d.	1d.	—
Cleland and Omoa do. do., ...	$6\frac{75}{120}$d.	$6\frac{75}{120}$d.	—	—	$6\frac{75}{120}$d.	$6\frac{75}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Special Lighting District,	2d.	—	First assessment.		2d.	—	First assessment.	
Dalzell and Netherton Special Drainage District,	4d.	4d.	—	—	4d.	4d.	—	—
Do. Lighting do., ...	1d.	1d	—	—	1d.	1d.	—	—
Do. Scavenging do., ...	1d.	1d.	—	—	1d.	1d.	—	—
East Kilbride Special Drainage District,	6d.	6d.	—	—	6d.	6d.	—	—
Do. do. Lighting do.,	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—
Gartlea Special Lighting District, ...	2d.	2d.	—	—	2d.	2d.	—	—
Do. Scavenging do., ...	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—
Glengowan and Caldercruix Special Lighting District.	2d	—	First assessment.		2d.	—	First assessment.	
Hamilton Road Special Drainage District,	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Scavenging do.,	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	First assessment.		$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	First assessment.	
Holytown Special Drainage District, ...	2d.	2d.	—	—	2d.	2d.	—	—
Holytown, New Stevenston, and Carfin Special Lighting District, ...	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—
Holytown, New Stevenston, and Carfin Special Scavenging District, ...	$2\frac{90}{120}$d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	$2\frac{90}{120}$d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—
Larkhall Special Drainage District, ...	$2\frac{75}{120}$d.	$2\frac{75}{120}$d.	—	—	$2\frac{75}{120}$d.	$2\frac{75}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Lighting do., ...	$1\frac{15}{120}$d.	$1\frac{15}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{15}{120}$d.	$1\frac{15}{120}$d.	—	—
Mount Vernon Special Drainage District,	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—
New Stevenston do. do. do.,	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—
Newarthill Special Lighting District, ...	$2\frac{90}{120}$d.	$2\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—	$2\frac{90}{120}$d.	$2\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—
Newmains Special Drainage District, ..	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Lighting do., ...	$1\frac{15}{120}$d.	$1\frac{15}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{15}{120}$d.	$1\frac{15}{120}$d.	—	—
Newton and Flemington Special Drainage District, ...	3d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	3d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	—
North Mount Vernon Special Lighting District, ...	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—
Salsburgh Special Scavenging District, ...	3d.	3d.	—	—	3d.	3d.	—	—
Shotts and Dykehead Special Lighting District, ...	2d.	2d.	—	—	2d.	2d.	—	—
Stonehouse Special Drainage District, ...	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Lighting do., ...	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—
Strathaven do. Drainage do., ...	6d.	6d.	—	—	6d.	6d.	—	—
Do. do. Lighting do., ...	2d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	2d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—
Do. do. Scavenging do., ...	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—
Uddingston do. Drainage do., ...	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Lighting do., ...	$1\frac{15}{120}$d.	$1\frac{15}{120}$d.	—	—	$\frac{15}{120}$d.	$1\frac{15}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Scavenging do., ...	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$2\frac{75}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{15}{120}$d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$2\frac{75}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{15}{120}$d.
Do. Electric Lighting Order, ...	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	$\frac{25}{120}$d.	$\frac{35}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	$\frac{25}{120}$d.	$\frac{35}{120}$d.	—

LOWER WARD DISTRICT.

	OWNERS.				OCCUPIERS.			
	1912-1913.	1911-1912.	Increase.	Decrease.	1912-1913.	1911-1912.	Increase.	Decrease.
Cumulo of County, Road, and Public Health Rates (Parishes of Cadder, Carmunnock, and Rutherglen), ...	$10\frac{8}{120}$d.	$9\frac{61}{120}$d.	$\frac{67}{120}$d.	—	$7\frac{11}{120}$d.	$6\frac{64}{120}$d.	$\frac{67}{120}$d.	—
Do. do. (Parish of Glasgow), ...	$10\frac{35}{120}$d.	$9\frac{90}{120}$d.	$\frac{65}{120}$d.	—	$7\frac{49}{126}$d.	$6\frac{104}{120}$d.	$\frac{65}{120}$d.	—
Do. do. (Parish of Govan, Landward),	$10\frac{28}{120}$d.	$9\frac{88}{120}$d.	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$7\frac{51}{120}$d.	$6\frac{91}{120}$d.	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	—
Cumulo of County Rates (Burghs of Govan and Partick), ...	2d.	$2\frac{17}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{17}{120}$d.	$1\frac{53}{120}$d.	$1\frac{70}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{17}{120}$d.
Barony Special Drainage District, ...	$1\frac{45}{120}$d.	1d.	$\frac{45}{120}$d.	—	$1\frac{45}{126}$d.	1d.	$\frac{46}{120}$d.	—
Do., (Purification Works—South),	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{45}{120}$d.	$\frac{15}{120}$d.	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{45}{120}$d.	$\frac{15}{120}$d.	—
Do., Glasgow Sewage Purification Area, ...	2d.	2d.	—	—	2d.	2d.	—	—
Bishopbriggs Special Lighting District, ...	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.
Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn Special Drainage District, ...	$5\frac{60}{120}$d.	$4\frac{60}{120}$d.	1d.	—	$5\frac{60}{120}$d.	$4\frac{60}{120}$d.	1d.	—
Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn Special Scavenging District, ...	$2\frac{15}{120}$d.	2d.	$\frac{15}{120}$d.	—	$2\frac{15}{120}$d.	2d.	$\frac{15}{120}$d.	—
Carmunnock Special Drainage District, ...	5d.	$3\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	5d.	$3\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—
Chryston and Muirhead Special Drainage District, ...	6d.	6d.	—	—	6d.	6d.	—	—
Do. do. Lighting District, ...	2d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	2d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{60}{120}$d.
Do. do. Scavenging District,	$1\frac{75}{120}$d.	$1\frac{105}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{75}{120}$d.	$1\frac{105}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.
Lambhill Special Lighting District, ...	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—
Linthouse do. do., ...	$\frac{45}{120}$d.	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{15}{120}$d.	$\frac{45}{120}$d.	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{15}{120}$d.
Middle Ward Water District—Public Rate,	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	—
Do. do. Domestic Rate,	$6\frac{60}{120}$d.	$5\frac{60}{120}$d.	1d.	—	$6\frac{60}{120}$d.	$5\frac{60}{120}$d.	1d.	—
Millerston and Stepps Special Lighting District,	$2\frac{15}{120}$d.	$2\frac{15}{120}$d.	—	—	$2\frac{15}{120}$d.	$2\frac{15}{120}$d.		—
North Cadder Special Water District, ...	$6\frac{60}{120}$d.	$7\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{90}{120}$d.	$6\frac{60}{120}$d.	$7\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{90}{120}$d.
Rutherglen Special Drainage District, ...	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—
Rutherglen Special Lighting District, ...	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—
Rutherglen Special Scavenging District,	1d.	1d.	—	—	1d.	1d.	—	—
Shettleston and Tollcross Special Lighting District, ...	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—
Shettleston and Tollcross Special Scavenging District, ...	$3\frac{30}{120}$d.	$3\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—	$3\frac{30}{120}$d.	$3\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	—
Shettleston Electric Lighting Order, ...	$\frac{45}{120}$d.	$\frac{15}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{45}{120}$d.	$\frac{15}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—
South Cadder Special Water District, ...	5d.	$5\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	5d.	$5\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{60}{120}$d.
South Lenzie Special Water District. ...	6d.	6d.	—	—	6d.	6d.	—	—
Do. do. Drainage do., ...	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—	$2\frac{60}{120}$d.	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	—
Do. do. Lighting do., ...	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	$2\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{60}{120}$d.	$2\frac{30}{120}$d.	$2\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{60}{120}$d.
Do. do. Scavenging do., ...	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	$1\frac{90}{120}$d.	—	—
Stepps Special Drainage District, ...	4d.	4d.	—	—	4d.	4d.	—	—
Do. Scavenging District, ...	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{30}{120}$d.	$1\frac{60}{120}$d.	—	$\frac{30}{120}$d.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

REPORT

OF

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TO

THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING

OF THE

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THURSDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1912.

(WITH LOCAL ANNUAL BUDGET ANNEXED.)

THOMAS MUNRO,
County Clerk and Treasurer,
Hamilton.

REPORT by the PUBLIC ANALYST upon the Articles analysed

1. Number.	2. Date when Article received for Analysis.	3. Name of Local Authority under whose direction and by whose Officer the sample was submitted for Analysis.	4. Place where Sample taken.	5. Article submitted for Analysis.	6. Result of Analysis.	
					Article Genuine.	Article adulterated, and nature and extent of adulteration.
62	April 4	Lanark County Council,	Newmains, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Genuine,	... ...
96	May 3	Do.,	Calderbank,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
97	,, 3	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
98	,, 3	Do.,	Mossend, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
99	,, 3	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
100	,, 3	Do.,	Bellshill, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
101	,, 7	Do.,	Newmains, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
102	,, 7	Do.,	Morningside,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
103	,, 7	Do.,	Newmains, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
104	,, 30	Do.,	Cambuslang,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
106	,, 31	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
107	,, 31	Do.,	Farme, Ruther-glen,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
108	,, 31	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
109	,, 31	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
110	,, 31	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
113	June 7	Do.,	Tollcross, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
114	,, 7	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
115	,, 7	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
116	,, 7	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
117	,, 7	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
118	,, 7	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
120	,, 12	Do.,	East Kilbride,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
122	,, 12	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
123	,, 12	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
124	,, 12	Do.,	Do,,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
125	,, 12	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
126	,, 14	Do.,	Shettleston, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
127	,, 14	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
128	,, 14	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
129	,, 14	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...

DRUGS ACTS, 1875 to 1899.

LANARK.

by him during the Quarter ending 30th JUNE, 1912.

7. Sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	8. Observations of Analyst.	9. Were proceedings taken?	10. Amount of Penalty inflicted.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Offender.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Local Authority.	12 Observations of Clerk to the Local Authority.
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					Article Genuine.	Article adulterated, and nature and extent of adulteration.
130	June 14	Lanark County Council,	Shettleston, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Genuine,	... ...
131	,, 14	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
132	,, 14	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
133	,, 17	Do.,	East Kilbride,	Whisky, ...	Do.,	... ...
134	,, 17	Do.,	Shettleston, ...	Irish Lump Butter,	...	Contained 91 per cent. of fatty matter not derived from milk.
135	,, 17	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...
136	,, 17	Do.,	Do., ...	Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...
143	,, 27	Do.,	Tollcross, ...	Do., ...	Do..	... ...

Total number of samples analysed at the instance of the Local Authority or their Officer during the quarter, ... 38
Total number of same found to be adulterated, ... 1
Samples submitted by private individuals, in terms of Section 12 of the above Act, ... —

11th July, 1912.

ROBERT M. CLARK, *Public Analyst.*

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Sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	Observations of Analyst.	Were proceedings taken?	Amount of Penalty inflicted.	Charged on Offender.	Charged on Local Authority.	Observations of Clerk to the Local Authority
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19th July, 1912

THOS. MUNRO, *Clerk to the Local Authority.*

TEST SAMPLES SUBMITTED FOR ANALYSIS.

1. Number.	2. Date when Article received for Analysis.	3. Article submitted for Analysis.	4. Result of Analysis. Article genuine.	4. Result of Analysis. Article adulterated, and nature and extent of adulteration.	5. Sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	6. Observations of Analyst.
56	April 1	Milk, ...	Genuine,	... ...	£0 10 0	Free from preservatives or added thickening matter.
57	,, 1	Flour, ...	...	Contained 2·10 parts per million of nitrite of soda,	0 10 0	
58	,, 1	Do., ...	...	Contained 2·15 parts per million of nitrite of soda,	0 10 0	
59	,, 1	Do., ...	...	Contained 2·40 parts per million of nitrite of soda,	0 10 0	
63	,, 4	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...	0 10 0	
64	,, 4	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
65	,, 10	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
66	,, 10	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
71	,, 16	Do., ...	...	Contained 4·0 parts per million of nitrite of soda,	0 10 0	
72	,, 16	Do., ...	...	Contained 1·70 parts per million of nitrite of soda,	0 10 0	
73	,, 16	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...	0 10 0	
74	,, 16	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
75	,, 16	Do., ...	...	Contained 2·0 parts per million of nitrite of soda,	0 10 0	
76	,, 16	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...	0 10 0	
84	,, 17	Do., ...	...	Contained 1·10 parts per million of nitrite of soda,	0 10 0	
85	,, 17	Do., ...	...	Contained 3·20 parts per million of nitrite of soda,	0 10 0	
86	,, 17	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...	0 10 0	
87	,, 17	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
88	,, 17	Do..	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
89	,, 17	Do., ...	...	Contained 1·20 parts per million of nitrite of soda, ...	0 10 0	
90	,, 26	Do., ...	...	Contained 1·70 parts per million of nitrite of soda,	0 10 0	
91	,, 26	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...	0 10 0	
92	,, 26	Do., ...	...	Contained 1·10 parts per million of nitrite of soda,	0 10 0	
93	,, 26	Do., ...	...	Contained 1·60 parts per million of nitrite of soda,	0 10 0	
94	,, 26	Do., ...	...	Contained 1·50 parts per million of nitrite of soda,	0 10 0	
95	May, 3	Butter, ...	...	Contained 96 per cent. of fatty matter not derived from milk,	0 10 0	
111	June 7	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...	0 10 0	
121	,, 12	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	

11th July, 1912.—ROBERT M. CLARK, *Public Analyst.*

19th July, 1912.—THOS. MUNRO, *Clerk to the Local Authority.*

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

REPORT

BY

COUNTY ANALYST

FOR

QUARTER Ending 30th JUNE, 1912

TO BE SUBMITTED, IN TERMS OF THE

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS,

TO THE

STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL,

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1912.

FERTILISERS AND FEED

Report to the Board of Agriculture for Scotland by the

Name of Fertiliser or Feeding Stuff.	Date of Receipt of Sample.	Number, &c., on Sample.	Name and Address of Vendor (if known).	Name and Address of Purchaser (if any).
Potato Manure, ...	9th April,	No. 21	Not known,	Not known.
Concentrated Manure, ...	10th April,	22	Do.,	Do..
Manure, ...	23rd April,	24	Do.,	Do.,
Superphosphate, ...	Do.,	25	Do.,	Do.,
Do., ...	Do..	26	Do.,	Do.,
Nitrate of Lime, ...	Do.,	27	Do.,	Do.,
Nitrate of Soda, ...	26th April,	28	Do.,	Do.,
Potato Manure Salt, ...	Do.,	29	Do..	Do.,
Sulphate of Ammonia, ...	Do.,	30	Do.,	Do.,
Superphosphate, ...	Do.,	31	Do.,	Do.,
Do., ...	3rd May,	32	Do.,	Do.,
Turnip Manure, ...	Do..	33	Do.,	Do.,
Nitrate of Soda, ...	7th May,	32	Do.,	Do.,
Feeding Meal, ...	23rd April,	No. 23	Not known,	Not known.

OF LANARK.

ING STUFFS ACT, 1906.

Agricultural Analyst for the Quarter ending 30th June, 1912.

	REMARKS
Formal Sample —	Satisfactory.
Informal Sample—	do.
Do.	do.
Formal Sample—	do.
Do.	do.
Informal Sample—	do.
Formal Sample—	do.
Do.	do.
Do.	do.
Do.	do.
Do.	do.
Do.	do.
Informal Sample—	do.

Informal Sample—Satisfactory

Number of Samples { Fertilisers, - - 13
Feeding Stuffs, - 1

Signature of Agricultural Analyst, R. R. TATLOCK.

Date, 8th July, 1912

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

REPORT

BY

DISTRICT ANALYST

UNDER

FERTILISERS AND FEEDING STUFFS ACT, 1906,

FOR THE

QUARTER ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1912,

TO BE SUBMITTED TO

THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL,

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, 10th October, 1912.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE

STATUTORY MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1912.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK

VALUATION COMMITTEE.

At LANARK, and within the County Hall, there, upon Thursday, 9th May, 1912, being a Joint-Meeting of the Valuation Committees of the Upper, Middle, and Lower Wards of the County of Lanark. 9th May, 1912.

Present—

Of the Committee of the Upper Ward.

Sir NATHANIEL DUNLOP.
JAMES H. FENTON.
Colonel LOGAN.
Rev. CHRISTOPHER M'KUNE.
ALEXANDER PILLANS.

Of the Committee of the Middle Ward.

Colonel BUCHANAN.
WILLIAM L. DYER.
JOHN M. LOUDON.
JOHN LOUDON.
ROBERT SHARP.
GEORGE STALKER.
WILLIAM SYM.
WILLIAM TEMPLETON.

Of the Committee of the Lower Ward.

WALTER C. B. CHRISTIE.
ANDREW MICKEL.
DAVID WATSON.
JOHN WHEATLEY.

The members of the committee present—each only acting and voting in his committee—having proceeded to appoint a chairman of their committee, the following were appointed, viz. :— *Chairman of committees.*

For the Upper Ward—Mr. James C. Hope Vere.
For the Middle Ward—Colonel Buchanan.
For the Lower Ward—Mr. James Anderson.

The following dates and places were fixed for hearing and disposing of appeals and complaints against the valuation of the Assessors for the year 1912-13, viz. :— *Dates of Appeal Courts.*

For the Upper Ward—At Lanark, and within the County Hall, on Monday, 16th September, at 12 o'clock noon ;

For the Middle Ward—At Hamilton, and within the Sheriff Court Buildings, on Tuesday, 10th September, at 10 o'clock, and on Thursday, 12th September, at 10 o'clock a.m.

For the Lower Ward—At Glasgow, and within the Sheriffs' Appeal Court Room, 40 Wilson Street, on Friday, 13th September, at 12 o'clock noon.

16th September, 1912. At LANARK, and within the County Hall, there, on Monday, the 16th day of September, 1912, being a Meeting of the Valuation Committee of the Upper Ward of the County of Lanark.

Upper Ward.

Present—

J. P. Baird.
James H. Fenton.
Walter Lindsay.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart.
Colonel Logan.
Andrew Murdoch.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
John D. Scott.
James C. Hope Vere.

Chairman. Mr. J. C. Hope Vere, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice. The Clerk produced and read the public notice of the meeting as given in the *Scotsman, Glasgow Herald, Daily Record and Mail, Lanarkshire,* and *Hamilton Advertiser* newspapers, and also a copy of the notice convening the meeting.

Apology for absence. An apology for absence was intimated from Sir Nathaniel Dunlop.

Appeals. The several appeals against the valuations of lands and heritages in the Upper Ward of the County for the current year were laid upon the table, and the same having been taken in order and called, and the appellants or their agents having been heard, so far as appearances were made, the committee gave their decisions therein, as the same are set forth in the list of appeals which is signed by the chairman as relative hereto.

In cases where no appearances were made the appeals were dismissed.

Valuation Roll. The meeting granted authority to the County Clerk, in terms of Section 12 of the Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Act, 1854, to authenticate the Valuation Roll for the current year by adhibiting his signature thereto.

10th September, 1912. At HAMILTON, and within the Sheriff Court Buildings, there, on Tuesday, the 10th day of September, 1912, being a Meeting of the Valuation Committee of the Middle Ward District of the County of Lanark.

Middle Ward.

Present—

Colonel A. L. H. Buchanan.
Thomas G. Cowan.
William L. Dyer.
George Fraser.
Robert Lambie.
John M. Loudon.
John Loudon.
William Love.
A. B. Mitchell.
James Prentice.
Robert Sharp.
George Stalker.
William Sym.
William Templeton.

Chairman. Colonel Buchanan, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice. The Clerk produced and read the public notice of the meeting as given in the *Scotsman, Glasgow Herald, Daily Record & Mail, Lanarkshire, and Hamilton Advertiser* newspapers, and also a copy of the notice convening the meeting.

Appeals. The several appeals against the valuations of lands and heritages in the Parishes of Blantyre, Bothwell, Cambuslang, Dalziel, East Kilbride, New Monkland, Old Monkland, and Shotts, in the Middle Ward of the County, were laid upon the table, and the same having been taken in order and called, and the appellants or their agents having been

heard, so far as appearances were made, the committee gave their decisions therein, as the same are detailed in the list of appeals which is signed by the chairman as relative hereto.

In cases where no appearances were made the appeals were dismissed.

Both the agent for the appellant and the Assessor in the following case declared themselves dissatisfied with the decision of the committee, and craved that a case should be stated specially and signed for submission to the Lands Valuation Judges, viz. :— *Stated case.*

PARISH OF BOTHWELL.

House, "Sweethope,"—Proprietors—Trustees of John Steele, per W. H. Goff —Empty—£77. (Reduced by committee to £60, and proprietors, to be entered as occupiers.)

Consideration of certain appeals at the instance of Andrew Macdonald, Motherwell, was adjourned until 12th current.

At HAMILTON, an within the Sheriff Court Buildings, there, upon Thursday, the 12th day of September, 1912, being an Adjourned Meeting of the Valuation Committee for the Middle Ward District of the County of Lanark. 12th September, 1912.

Middle Ward.

Present—

COLONEL BUCHANAN.
WILLIAM L. DYER.
ROBERT LAMBIE.
JOHN M. LOUDON.
WILLIAM LOVE.
ROBERT SHARP.
GEORGE STALKER.
WILLIAM SYM.
WILLIAM TEMPLETON.

Colonel Buchanan, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk read the notice calling the meeting. *Notice.*

The several appeals against the valuation of lands and heritages in the Parishes of Avondale, Cambusnethan, Dalserf, Glasford, Hamilton, and Stonehouse, in the Middle Ward District, having been laid on the table, were taken in order and called, and the appellants or their agents having been heard, so far as appearances were made, the committee gave their decisions therein, as the same are detailed in the list of appeals which is signed by the chairman as relative hereto. *Appeals.*

In cases where no appearances were made the appeals were dismissed.

The agent for the appellant and the Assessor in the following cases declared themselves dissatisfied with the decision of the committee, and craved that cases should be stated specially and signed for submission to the Lands Valuation Judges, viz. :— *Stated cases.*

PARISH OF DALZIEL.

Houses, "Knowetop," Motherwell—Proprietor, Andrew Macdonald—
Tenants, various, ... Rental, £91 13 0
Do., Wellington Street, Motherwell—Proprietor, Andrew Macdonald—
Tenants, various, ... Rental, 948 0 0
Do., Ashton Place, Motherwell—Proprietor, Andrew Macdonald—
Tenants, various, ... Rental, 552 0 0
Do., Elmpark Terrace, Motherwell—Proprietor, Andrew Macdonald—
Tenants, various, ... Rental, 279 16 0
Do., Wellington Place, Craigneuk—Proprietor, Andrew Macdonald—
Tenants, various, ... Rental, 482 8 0

PARISH OF BLANTYRE.

Houses, Springwell Terrace—Proprietor, Andrew Macdonald—
Tenants, various, ... Rental, £142 6 0

The meeting granted authority to the County Clerk, in terms of Section 12 of the Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Act, 1854, to authenticate the Valuation Roll for the current year by adhibiting his signature thereto. *Valuation Roll.*

13th September, 1912.

13th September, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the Sheriff's Appeal Court Room, 40 Wilson Street, there, upon Friday, the 13th day of September, 1912, being a Meeting of the Valuation Committee for the Lower Ward District of the County of Lanark.

Lower Ward.

Present—

James Anderson.	Andrew Mickel.
J. Raeside Auld.	James Walker.
Walter C. B. Christie.	David Watson.
William Davie.	John Wheatley.
Lawrence Maxton.	James Young.

Chairman. Mr. James Anderson, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice. The Clerk produced and read the public notice of the meeting as given in the *Scotsman, Glasgow Herald, Daily Record and Mail, Lanarkshire, and Hamilton Advertiser* newspapers, and also a copy of the notice convening the meeting.

Apology for absence. An apology for absence was intimated from Mr. John M'Feat.

Appeals. The several appeals against the valuations of lands and heritages in the Lower Ward of the County were laid upon the table, and the same having been taken in order and called, and the appellants or their agents having been heard, so far as appearances were made, the committee gave their decisions therein, as the same are detailed in the list of appeals which is signed by the chairman as relative hereto.

In cases where no appearances were made the appeals were dismissed.

Valuation Roll. The meeting granted authority to the County Clerk, in terms of Section 12 of the Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Act, 1854, to authenticate the Valuation Roll for the current year by adhibiting his signature thereto.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

INEBRIATES COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 15th May, 1912, being a Meeting of the Committee of the County Council of Lanark appointed under the Inebriates Acts. — 15th May, 1912.

Present—

J. Raeside Auld. | Alexander Hamilton.
William Barr. | William Love.
Gavin A. Shanks.

Mr. Barr presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 24th April, 1911, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

The chairman explained that the fences on the estate were requiring renewal or repair, and that estimates had been obtained from a local firm, viz., Messrs. Morris & M'Culloch, these being as follows :— — *Estate fences.—Estimate from Messrs. Morris & M'Culloch.*

(1) March fence between Hairmyres and Milton—length 650 lineal yards or thereby, at 9¼d. per lineal yard.
(2) Plantation fences, measuring 900 yards or thereby, at 6d. per lineal yard.

He further stated that Mr. Archibald Coats, the proprietor of Milton Estate, had agreed to bear half the cost of the erection of the mutual fence, the total cost to the committee being estimated at £35 0s. 6d. — *Mr. Coats agreed to bear half of cost of erection of mutual fence.*

The meeting authorised the acceptance of the offers. — *Acceptance of offers.*

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

22nd May, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 22nd May, 1912, being a Meeting of the Public Health Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

John Adam.	William Love.
J. Raeside Auld.	Alexander R. Mitchell.
James Cameron.	William Neilson.
Thomas G. Cowan.	John D. Scott.
James H. Fenton.	Gavin A. Shanks.
George Fraser.	William Speirs.
Alexander Hamilton.	James Tonner.
John Jackson.	James C. Hope Vere.
Robert Lambie.	John Wheatley.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.	

Attending—

Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

Mr. Lambie, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 21st February, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

There was submitted to the meeting Reports by the County Medical Officer under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act and the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts for the months of February and March, a print of which had been sent to each member of the committee. *Reports by County Medical Officer.*

With reference to the Actions raised against the Burghs of Airdrie and Coatbridge, the Clerk reminded the meeting that the proceedings in both cases had been delayed on the understanding that works for the prevention of pollution would be commenced not later than 31st March, 1912, and he submitted a letter from the County Medical Officer, of date 17th May, enclosing copy of a report of the same date by Inspector M'Naughton, which was in the following terms:— *County Council v. Burghs of Airdrie and Coatbridge.*

"With regard to the position of these Burghs, so far as prevention of pollution by sewage is concerned, matters stand just as they were when the Action was raised. As a matter of general information, it is understood that each Burgh is considering the question of providing its own scheme. This will, of course, entail very careful consideration by their experts, and commencement of work will be necessarily delayed for some time yet."

The Clerk also submitted a letter which he had received from Provost Davidson, Coatbridge, of date 29th April, transmitting copy of a minute of meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Sewage Committee of the Burgh, of date 18th April, the purport of which he explained to the meeting.

The meeting, after full consideration of the whole circumstances, unanimously agreed that the cases should now be allowed to proceed, and instructed accordingly.

Pollution of North Calder Water.—Complaint by Archibald Baird & Sons

The Clerk submitted a further complaint by Messrs. Archibald Baird & Sons, Carnhill Iron Works, regarding pollution of the North Calder Water by solid refuse which was allowed to enter the stream at Calderbank Steel Works, and he reported that he had again communicated with the owners, Messrs. James Dunlop & Company, whose Manager had promised to erect a fence with a view to preventing any further refuse entering the stream at this point.

Complaint by Mrs. Paterson re pollution of burn at Garnqueen.

There was submitted a letter from Mrs. Paterson, Garnqueen, Glenboig, dated 12th May, 1912, complaining of the pollution of the burn which passes through part of the farm occupied by her, and which is used for watering her cattle. As relative thereto, the Clerk submitted a letter from the County Medical Officer explaining that the question of forming a special drainage district was still under the consideration of a joint-committee of the Middle and Lower Wards; that there was some prospect now of such a district being formed; and that the question of affording Mrs. Paterson a gravitation water supply to the field which was chiefly affected by the pollution was under consideration.

Result of prosecution against David Paterson, Strathaven.

The Clerk stated that the action raised against David Paterson, 7 Green Street, Strathaven, for a contravention of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts came before Sheriff Shennan on 23rd February last, when no formal appearance on Paterson's behalf had been entered; that the Sheriff Clerk explained that Paterson had twice written to him stating his desire to defend, but that he had declined to pay the necessary fee of 5s.; and that the Sheriff had granted the Order craved, with expenses, but that these had not so far been recovered.

Pollution of South Calder by Stane and Kepplehill Collieries Companies.

The Clerk reported that a further complaint having been received as to the pollution of the South Calder, an inspection was made, when it was found that the source of pollution arose from the Stane and Kepplehill Collieries.

In view of the past record of these collieries, and of the unsuccessful efforts made to get the Company to take the necessary steps to prevent pollution, the meeting agreed that application be made to the Court with a view to the enforcement of the provisions of the Act.

Pollution of streams in Upper Ward by liquid from sheep dipping tanks.

With reference to a complaint received by the Clerk to the Upper Ward District Committee regarding the pollution of streams in the Upper Ward by liquid from sheep dipping tanks, the Clerk stated that he had written asking the District Clerk to indicate more particularly the name of the stream in question and the source of the pollution, but that he had replied stating that his informant did not see his way to mention the names of the offenders.

Result of prosecution under Food and Drugs Acts.

The Clerk reported the result of a prosecution under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts since the date of last meeting as follows:—

Name and Address of Accused.	Nature of Complaint.	Result of Prosecution.
Alexander F. Dennison, Provision Merchant, 10 Kirk Road, Wishaw,	Butter—not genuine—contained 84 per cent. of fat other than butter fat,	Pled guilty and fined £5 or 30 days.

Bleached flour.—Case of Uddingston Co-operative Society.

With regard to the complaint against the Uddingston Co-operative Society in connection with bleached flour, the Clerk reported that the case had been continued until 27th current, when the Sheriff at Hamilton would resume the hearing of the evidence for the prosecution.

National Conference on Prevention of Destitution.

The Clerk submitted a communication, dated 16th March, 1912, from the National Conference on the Prevention of Destitution, inviting this County Council to appoint delegates to attend the Congress to be held at London on 11th to 14th June next. On a vote the meeting appointed the following to represent the County Council, viz. :—

Robert Lambie. James Tonner.

along with the County Clerk and the County Medical Officer.

National Conference on Infantile Mortality.

There was laid before the meeting a letter, dated May, 1912, from the National Conference on Infantile Mortality, inviting this County Council to appoint representatives to attend a public meeting to be held at London on 4th June next. The meeting, however, did not consider it necessary that this County Council should be represented at the meeting.

National Association for Prevention of Consumption. — Conference at Manchester.

The Clerk also submitted a communication, dated April, 1912, from the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis, inviting this County Council to appoint delegates to attend the fourth Annual Conference to be held at Manchester on 5th to 7th June next. It having been agreed on a vote that two members be appointed as delegates, the meeting appointed the following to represent the County Council, viz. :—

Alexander Hamilton. John Wheatley.

along with the County Clerk and the County Medical Officer.

Salaries of staff of County Medical Officer.

The County Medical Officer having submitted to the meeting a list of the junior members of his staff, with the amounts of their present salaries and their respective periods of service, the meeting agreed that the following increases of salaries should be made, viz. :—

Thomas Stewart (laboratory assistant), ...	£65 to £75.
Harry Brown (clerk), ...	£35 to £45.
Althol Williamson (clerk), ...	£35 to £40.
Thomas Russell (office boy), ...	£15 to £25.

the increases to take effect as from and after 15th current.

24th July, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 24th July, 1912, being a Meeting of the Public Health Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

John Adam.	Robert Lambie.
J. Raeside Auld.	William Love.
J. P. Baird.	William Neilson.
Colonel Buchanan.	John D. Scott.
James Cameron.	Gavin A. Shanks.
James H. Fenton.	Robert Sharp.
George Fraser.	William Speirs.
Alexander Hamilton.	James Tonner.

Attending—

Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

Chairman.

Mr. Robert Lambie, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

24th July, 1912.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 22nd May, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Reports by County Medical Officer for months of April and May.

There were submitted to the meeting reports by the County Medical Officer under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act and the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts for the months of April and May, prints of which had been sent to each member of the committee.

Rivers Pollution.—Burghs of Airdrie and Coatbridge.

With reference to the actions raised against the Burghs of Airdrie and Coatbridge, the Clerk submitted to the meeting Interlocutors pronounced by Sheriff-Substitute Glegg in which he had made a remit in each case to Mr. W. A. Carter, C.E., Edinburgh, to report as to the best practical and available means and the cost of the works and apparatus required for preventing pollution by sewage from the burghs.

Clerk explains that representatives of burghs are in attendance.

The Clerk also reported to the meeting correspondence which had recently taken place between him and the Town-Clerks of the burghs in question, and stated that the Town Councils of these burghs having expressed a desire to have an opportunity of explaining to the committee the present position of matters he had asked representatives of the burghs to be in attendance.

Representatives heard.

There were introduced to the meeting separately representatives of the burghs of Coatbridge and of Airdrie, and were heard in support of a proposal that in view of the decision of the respective Town Councils to proceed with a scheme of purification, the County Council and the Burghs should by joint minute withdraw the action from the Courts.

Decision of committee.

The respective deputations having withdrawn, the meeting, after full discussion of the matter, instructed the Clerk to inform the Town Councils of Airdrie and Coatbridge, that, while the committee cannot see their way to interfere with the judgment of the Court, they had remitted to him to consider what, if anything, could be done to meet so far as possible the views of the respective Town Councils as indicated by them at the meeting.

Pollution of North Calder.—Caldercruix Paper Mills.

With reference to the pollution of the North Calder arising from effluent from the Caldercruix Paper Mills, the Clerk stated that he had written to Messrs. Robert Craig & Sons, Ltd., enquiring what progress had been made in connection with the carrying out of works for preventing pollution, and he submitted a letter which was in the following terms, viz.:—

"Caldercruix Paper Mills,
"Caldercruix, 18th June, 1912.

"DEAR SIR,

"RIVER POLLUTION.

"In answer to your letter of 12th current, we beg to inform that we have carried out arrangements for removing all spent lime and excluding it from the settling ponds, and this plant is now in operation. The sluice is under strict supervision, but we have not yet had time to erect a plant similar to Moffat Mills, although we have made a very considerable improvement with regard to the pulp waste by keeping the sluice constantly shut so that nothing can pass into the river until it has gone through the settling ponds. We are also using an excess of alum in our effluent, as recommended by Mr. Speirs, which helps to precipitate the suspended matter. We have recently had a new mechanical means of taking pulp waste and suspended matter from effluent brought under our notice, and we are investigating that at present so as to ascertain whether it has any advantages over the settling tanks which Moffat Mills use. You will see, therefore, that we have completed the most important measures, and also at Moffat Mills we are busy with the work arranged for there, which, however, turns out to be by no means a small job.

"Yours faithfully,

"for ROBERT CRAIG & SONS, LIMITED,

(Signed) "J. MACNAUGHTON."

The meeting agreed that this source of pollution should continue under observation and be further reported on.

Pollution of Blind Burn, Stane and Kepplehill Collieries.

With reference to the pollution of the Blind Burn, arising from coal dross washing operations at Stane and Kepplehill Collieries, the Clerk stated that he had given much consideration to past proceedings relating to these Collieries in the hope that the Interlocutor pronounced by the late Sheriff Berry by which he ordained the defenders to carry out certain remedial measures could be made operative in the present circumstances, but that he had come to the conclusion that the safer course would be to begin *de novo*.

The meeting authorised the Clerk in the event of failure on the part of the present owners of the collieries referred to, to take without further delay the necessary steps to prevent pollution to make application to the Secretary for Scotland to take proceedings.

Pollution of South Calder.—Furnace Gases Co., Ltd.

The Clerk stated that, since the date of last meeting, he had been in communication with the Furnace Gases Co., Ltd., Shotts, in regard to the pollution of the South Calder arising from their works, and he submitted a letter from that company, of date 17th June, stating that they would at once make investigation and remedy any leakage that was found.

International Congress for Hygiene and Demography, at Washington.

The Clerk laid before the meeting an invitation to this County Council to appoint delegates to attend the International Congress for Hygiene and Demography, to be held at Washington on September 23rd to 28th. The meeting, however, agreed that it was unnecessary to appoint delegates in this case.

Communication from National Housing and Town Planning Council.—Visits to examples of English Housing Schemes, &c.

There was also submitted a communication from the Secretary of the National Housing and Town Planning Council, of date 7th July last, enclosing a programme of visits to examples of English Housing Schemes, &c., beginning 31st August, and inviting the appointment of representatives.

The meeting agreed that it was unnecessary to appoint representatives.

Communication from National Institution of Health and Physical Culture.

There was also submitted and allowed to lie on the table a communication from the National Institution of Health and Physical Culture, enclosing particulars relating to the establishment of a centre in the United Kingdom where those interested may meet and work for all that tends to the improvement of the National Physique.

Appointment of Dr. Scroggie as Medical Officer of Health.—Communication from Local Government Board.

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from the Secretary of the Local Government Board, of date 29th June, intimating that the Board had sanctioned the salary of £200 per annum to be paid to Dr. Frank H. Scroggie as a Medical Officer of Health for the County and for the Districts therein.

Appointment of Mr. Duncan J. Black as Inspector under Rivers Pollution Prevention Act, and Food and Drugs Acts.

Appointment of Inspectors under Shops Act.

The Clerk having reported the arrangement proposed by the General Purposes Committee in connection with the administration of the Shops Act, 1912, the meeting agreed to appoint and hereby appoint Mr. Duncan J. Black, who had been appointed an Inspector under the Shops Act, to be also an Inspector under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act and the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, at a salary of £85 per annum, and further, that the Inspectors under these Acts should act as Inspectors in connection with the administration of the Shops Act.

Appointment of junior assistant in Bacteriological Laboratory.

The County Medical Officer stated that he had appointed Mr. David Bruce, at a salary of £15 per annum, as junior assistant in the Bacteriological Laboratory in succession to Mr. Alexander Anderson resigned.

Appointment of additional Assistant Medical Officer of Health.—Remit to sub-committee.

The meeting having considered the question of appointing an additional Assistant Medical Officer of Health, remitted to the following sub-committee to consider the matter and to make such appointment as they may consider necessary, viz.:—

J. P. Baird.
George Fraser.
Robert Lambie.
William Neilson.
William Spiers.
Colonel King Stewart.

25th September, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 25th September, 1912, being a Meeting of the Public Health Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

John Adam.
J. P. Baird.
Colonel Buchanan.
James Cameron.
Thomas G. Cowan.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Alexander Hamilton.
Robert Lambie.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
William Love.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
William Neilson.
John D. Scott.
Colonel King Stewart.

Attending—

Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

Chairman. Mr. Lambie, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 24th July, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Staffing arrangements in Public Health Department.—Sub-committee's recommendations. The Clerk reported to the meeting the proceedings at a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of Staffing Arrangements in the Public Health Department, which was held that day, as the same are set forth in the minutes of the sub-committee, which form Appendix I. hereto, and the meeting unanimously approved thereof.

Reports by County Medical Officer for months of June, July, and August. There were submitted to the meeting reports by the County Medical Officer. under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act and the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, for the months of June, July, and August, prints of which had been sent to each member of the committee.

Rivers Pollution.—Burghs of Airdrie and Coatbridge. With regard to the actions against the Burghs of Airdrie and Coatbridge, the Clerk stated that the Town Councils of these burghs had each decided to proceed with a special case, notwithstanding the committee's willingness, as expressed at last meeting, to meet the views of the Town Councils so far as possible, and that he had given instructions to the Council's agents in the matter, and had requested them to do everything they could to facilitate the hearing of the case.

Letter from Town-Clerk of Airdrie. The Clerk also submitted a communication from the Town-Clerk of Airdrie, of date 16th September, enclosing an excerpt from the minute of a special meeting of his Town Council, of date 12th September, which was in the following terms:—

"Sewage Purification.

"With reference to minute of meeting of this committee, held on 5th instant, the committee again took into consideration the question of the sewage purification scheme of the burgh, when it was agreed that the Clerk should communicate with the County Council with the view of ascertaining if they had any objection to the Town Council approaching Mr. Carter to see if he could produce a scheme which, in their opinion, would meet the requirements of the burgh, and so end any further litigation."

Suggestion by Town Council of Airdrie approved of. The meeting, after consideration, instructed the Clerk to say that the Committee had no objection to the Town Council of Airdrie approaching Mr. Carter to see if he could produce a scheme which, in the opinion of the Town Council, would meet the requirements of the burgh, provided that nothing was done which would prejudice the legal position of the County Council, and that the work was carried out under the supervision of the Court.

Pollution of Shirrel Burn.—Messrs. Wm. Beardmore & Co., Ltd.

The Clerk submitted a report which he had received from the County Medical Officer describing the measures which had been taken by Messrs. Wm. Beardmore & Co., Ltd., to prevent pollution of the Shirrel Burn and North Calder by spent ammoniacal liquor from the Mossend Steel Works, and stated that a copy of the report (Appendix II.) had been sent to each member of the committee. The meeting expressed satisfaction at the result of the action taken in this case.

Pollution of South Calder.

The Clerk laid before the meeting a report which he had that morning received from the County Medical Officer relating to the pollution of the South Calder by discharge of coal-washings from Westwood Colliery, and the meeting instructed him to write to the colliery owners calling upon them to take immediate steps to prevent pollution.

Further pollution of Poneil Burn by pit water.—Report by Inspector.

The Clerk stated that further complaint having been made as to the condition of the Poneil Burn, near Douglas, inspections had been made, and he submitted a report by one of the inspectors, of date 13th current, from which it appeared that the main cause of pollution was from pit water from various mines.

Food and Drugs Acts.—Results of prosecutions.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting statement showing the results of prosecutions under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts in the following cases, viz. :—

Name and Address of Accused.	Nature of Complaint.	Result of Prosecution.
Alexander F. Dennison, provision merchant, 10 Kirk Road, Wishaw	Butter—not genuine, contained 84 per cent. of fat other than butter fat	Pled guilty, and fined £5 or 30 days.
Robert Skillin, dairyman, 171 Main Street, Wishaw	Sweet milk — deficient in milk fat 15 per cent.	Pled guilty, and fined £4 or 20 days.
Henry Bradley, 404 Main Street, Shettleston	(1) Butter—not genuine (2) Selling margarine in plain wrapper	Convicted, and fined £3. Pled guilty, and fined £3

Bleached Flour Case.—No appeal to be made against Sheriff's judgment.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a copy of the communication (Appendix III.) which he had on 30th August last addressed to each member of the committee, having appended thereto a copy of the Sheriff-Substitute's judgment in the action raised against the Uddingston Co-operative Society, Limited, in the matter of Bleached Flour, together with a copy of the Sheriff's remarks when delivering his opinion, and he stated that as he had not heard from any member of the committee disapproving of the course recommended by him, he had instructed that no appeal be made to the higher Court against the judgment. The meeting approved.

Milk Standard.—Letter from Town-Clerk of Airdrie.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from the Town-Clerk of Airdrie, of date 4th September, directing the attention of this Local Authority to recent decisions of the Court in connection with prosecutions under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts in connection with the sale of milk, and which, from the point of view of Local Authorities, were most unsatisfactory, and suggesting that Local Authorities should take action with a view to the law or the Regulations of the Board of Agriculture on the subject being amended.

Remit to sub-committee.

The meeting, after consideration, appointed the following sub-committee to consider the question raised and to take such action thereanent as they may consider advisable, viz. :—

J. P. Baird. Robert Lambie.
Colonel Buchanan. William Love.
Colonel King Stewart.

Mr. Lambie to be chairman of the sub committee, and two a quorum.

Railway season ticket for Inspector Black.

The meeting agreed that Inspector Duncan Black should be supplied with a third-class railway season ticket similar to that granted to the other inspectors.

Prevention of Consumption Congress.—Report by Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton reported that he had, as appointed by the committee, attended the fourth annual Conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption, which was held at Manchester on the 5th to 7th June last, and he gave a brief *resumé* of the proceedings of the conference, and referred specially to the aspects of questions which more particularly concerned Public Health Authorities. The meeting thanked Mr. Hamilton for his report.

APPENDIX I.

SUB-COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REGARDING STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS.

25th September, 1912.

At GLASGOW and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 25th September, 1912, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Public Health Committee of the County Council of Lanark, appointed with reference to the staffing arrangements of the Public Health Department.

Present—

ROBERT LAMBIE. | WILLIAM NEILSON.
Colonel KING STEWART.

Attending—

Dr. WILSON, County Medical Officer.

Notice calling meeting

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Remit to sub-committee.

The Clerk laid before the meeting the remit to the sub-committee, which was in the following terms, viz. :—

> The meeting having considered the question of appointing an additional Assistant Medical Officer of Health, remitted to the following sub-committee to consider the matter and to make such appointment as they may consider necessary, viz. :—
>
> J. P. Baird. | William Neilson.
> George Fraser. | William Spiers.
> Robert Lambie. | Colonel King Stewart.

Letter from County Medical Officer.

The Clerk submitted and read to the meeting a letter which he had received from the County Medical Officer, of date 24th current, containing certain suggestions of changes in the staff of the Public Health Department.

The County Medical Officer stated that it was impossible to anticipate what additional assistance might be necessary, consequent upon the provisions of the Insurance Act and recent recommendations of the Local Government Board, relating to the treatment of tuberculosis, but that he considered that meantime, and until he was in a position to report more definitely as to the extent of the work involved, the changes indicated by him would meet present requirements.

Recommendations of sub-committee.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed to recommend :—

(1) That Dr. J. Hume Patterson, whose whole time had hitherto been devoted to the work of the Bacteriological Laboratory, should be appointed an Assistant Medical Officer of Health at his present salary of £300 per annum, and subject to the same conditions as applied in the case of other Assistant Medical Officers.

(2) That Dr. Daniel Stewart, who had since the beginning of July been temporarily employed by the County Medical Officer, should be continued as a temporary Assistant Officer of Health at a salary of £200 per annum,

(3) That the salary of Dr. Watt, Senior Assistant Medical Officer, should be increased from £250 to £270 per annum, as from 15th proximo.

(4) That the salary of Dr. Scroggie should be increased from £200 to £250 per annum, as from 15th proximo.

25th September, 1912.

APPENDIX II.

RIVERS POLLUTION PREVENTION.

SPENT AMMONIACAL POLLUTION.—MOSSEND STEEL WORKS.

With regard to the pollution of the Shirrel Burn and the North Calder by spent ammoniacal liquor from the Mossend Steel Works, it will be remembered that the matter was the subject of special consideration by the Public Health Committee who appointed a sub-committee on 18th January, 1911, to inspect the works as well as a special plant at Parkhead Works dealing with a similar trade effluent. This inspection was made on 21st February, 1911, along with the officials (see Minutes of 22nd March, 1911, page 75). The Committee thereafter granted the owners of the works an extension of time until 1st February, 1912, to complete the remedial measures at Mossend.

On 11th instant, inspection was made at the works by the Rivers Inspector along with the Chemist, when the new remedial measures, which were mainly completed in April last, were found in operation with satisfactory results. The new measures comprise (1) an additional cooling tower; (2) internal alteration of existing cooling tower, whereby the gas, as in the case of the new tower, is brought into contact with the spent liquor; (3) the disconnection of all pipes with the outfall culvert leading to the brick settling ponds or tanks at the side of the Shirrel Burn; and (4) the continuous circulation of the spent liquor (*a*) between the heating tower (supplying the hot air to the producers) and the new cooling tower, and (*b*) between the old cooling tower and the cooling screen on the top of the sulphate house. The loss of liquor due to evaporation is made up by the addition of fresh water.

At the bottom of each tower there is, as previously, an iron tank, where the spent liquor is caught. Here this liquor is separated into two portions, the heavier being conveyed to the tar liquor tanks, and the lighter portion to the pumps which pass it through the cooling tower and the screen referred to.

At the settling tanks on the bank of the Shirrel Burn, two discharges were found, viz. :—(1) Surface drainage, from the gas producers, and (2) exhaust water from the boilers and leakages, probably due to defects on liquor tanks. The total flow of these discharges is very small, and is intercepted in brick tanks, from which it is pumped on to the ash refuse bing. No trace of pollution from this bing was detected. A series of samples taken from the stream gave the following results :—

Shirrel Burn.	Analysis. Parts per 100,000. Oxygen Absorbed.	Phenols.
1. Above weir at works, ...	1·10	—
2. Below outfall from brick tanks, ...	1·25	—
3. Above Bellshill Sewage Works, ...	1·06	—

These analyses show that the stream was free from spent ammoniacal liquor pollution.

A sample was also taken from a pipe discharging liquid at the bottom of the weir at the works. This discharge was found on analysis to contain a trace of phenols. It is understood that the liquid here comes from the cleaning plant where the gas, after leaving the by-product plant, is made fit for use in the various industrial processes throughout the works. To what extent the discharge will vary in character is still matter for further consideration.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 19th September, 1912.

APPENDIX III.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 30*th August*. 1912.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Public Health Committee.

Gentlemen,

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

BLEACHED FLOUR.

In view of the importance of the issues raised in this case, I annex a full copy of the Sheriff-Substitute's Judgment, together with a copy of his remarks when delivering his written opinion.

Since the issue of the Judgment, I have given very careful consideration to the question of whether an Appeal should be taken to the Court of Justiciary, with the result that I have come to the conclusion that in the circumstances this would be inexpedient.

I have arrived at this opinion mainly on the grounds that the whole case was presented to the Sheriff with great ability and fullness, and with the assistance of the best-known experts on the subject, and that, after reviewing the whole evidence and giving, as his opinion shows, very great attention to the case, the Sheriff is satisfied that the practice of bleaching flour is not one that is struck at by the Food and Drugs Acts as they are now drawn. It is of course true that an opinion in consonance with the view held by the prosecution, and which I still consider is the sound view, might have been taken by another Court. I am not satisfied that the Sheriff has given sufficient weight to the evidence for the prosecution either as to the facts proved or to the resultant deductions therefrom, which in my opinion would have justified a conviction; but as the question is one of the application of law to facts, and as the Sheriff on the whole evidence has come to a definite and considered conclusion on the facts, I consider the County Council may be content to let the matter rest.

I am influenced by the consideration that a good purpose has been already served by the institution of the proceedings, which have obtained very wide publicity. In this connection I would draw attention to the concluding paragraphs of the Sheriff's judgment, which I may be allowed to quote:—

> "My natural sympathies are all with the prosecution. I do not see "why these artificial changes should be produced in articles of food for "æsthetic reasons. I appreciate the medical standpoint that where there is "even the apprehension of danger because you are working with materials "which under certain circumstances may produce noxious results, such "processes should be prohibited. But such operations do not necessarily "involve an offence against the Sale of Food and Drugs Act. My decision "here is not based on the smallness of the amount used. As was pointed "out, an infinitesimal amount of formalin will produce deleterious chemical "changes in milk. My judgment is rested in this, that adequate proof has "not been tendered of deleterious results due to bleaching the sample of "flour before me. I am afraid I must hold that the prosecution is based on "apprehended evils rather than on proved deterioration. It will not do for

"the purposes of a prosecution to argue that the process should be pro-
"hibited, unless it can be proved that the effect is noxious. That would
"be an excellent argument to address to the legislature, but in these
"proceedings the Prosecutor must prove his case. I sympathise with the
"spirit which has induced the prosecution, and possibly its purpose may to
"some extent have been effected by the resulting publicity. But I come
"without any hesitation to the conclusion that the contravention alleged
"has not been proved.

Should the Public Health Committee approve of the course I have taken the liberty of recommending, and in which Dr. Wilson concurs, I would respectfully suggest that copies of the Sheriff's judgment, with a note explanatory of the proceedings, should be transmitted to the Local Government Board for Scotland and the Board of Agriculture, with a recommendation that the whole question should receive consideration in view of a possible amendment of the Food and Drugs Acts.

If an appeal to a Higher Court is to be taken this will require to be intimated within the next few days. Unless, therefore, I hear to the contrary, I shall assume that the members of the Public Health Committee approve of what is proposed.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

OPINION OF SHERIFF SHENNAN

IN

SUMMARY COMPLAINT

WILSON *V.* UDDINGSTON CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, LIMITED.

This is a Complaint, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, against the Respondents for selling flour which is not genuine "as it had been bleached by peroxide of nitrogen, a poisonous, noxious gas, and contained 3·43 parts, or thereby, of nitrites (stated as nitrite of soda) per million parts, which is in excess of that found in genuine flour." The Complaint is laid on Section 6 of the Act of 1875, and I think the parties were practically agreed that none of the provisos of that Section apply. There was a suggestion that this process was required for the preparation of flour as an article of commerce, but this was not seriously pressed, and I do not think there is any substance in it. The Respondents are charged with contravening the enactment that "no person shall sell, to the prejudice of the purchaser, any article of food or any drug which is not of the nature, substance, and quality of the article demanded by such purchaser." The matter of prejudice does not arise separately here. If the prosecutor proves that this was not genuine flour because of the method in which it was milled, there is no question that there is prejudice. There is no suggestion that the purchaser was obtaining a superior article to that which he demanded. "The prejudice is that which an ordinary customer suffers, viz.:—that which is suffered by anyone who pays for one thing and gets another of inferior quality." (p., Lush, J., in Hoyle *V.*, Hitchman, 1879, 4 L.B.D., 233.)

The prosecutor need not prove that the article supplied is injurious to health. If it is different from the article demanded prejudice will be assumed. At the same time, proof that the article of food supplied is injurious to health will help the prosecution by showing the inferiority of the article supplied to that which was demanded. There can be no doubt that an article supplied as "flour" which is proved to be injurious to health is not of the nature, substance, and quality of flour. The substance may be the same while the nature and quality are different.

Reference was made during the proof to isomers—"chemical compounds which are identical in their ultimate or percentage composition, but present differences in their chemical properties." I find that cellulose, starch, and gum are examples of isomers. You would not fulfil a demand for starch by supplying gum, although the substance of the two articles is the same. So it is conceivable that treatment of an article by some agent, poisonous or non-poisonous, might so change that article that, while analytically its composition was unchanged, its chemical properties might be entirely altered.

It is all important for the prosecutor to prove that the article supplied was not of the nature, substance, and quality of genuine flour. It is not so necessary to prove how it came to be so. There is only one charge here, viz., non-genuineness. The legislature has, however, provided further that the accused party shall be informed in what respect the article is non-genuine, and hence the provision for the Analyst's certificate. Now, as I read that certificate, the Analyst's Complaint is that the flour has been bleached by peroxide of nitrogen, a fact indicated to him by finding in the sample 3·43 parts or thereby of nitrites per million parts, which is in excess of that found in genuine flour.

The complaint does not perhaps express this very happily, but, in stating the two matters cumulatively, it in no way prejudices the Respondents by failing to specify the matter complained of. The Analyst's certificate is, in my opinion, quite habile to found a prosecution laid on the ground that the flour sold has been bleached by peroxide of nitrogen. Even if I had had a difficulty on this matter, there is a suggestion in one English case (Newby *v.* Sims, 1894, 1 Q.B. 478) that ambiguity in the Analyst's certificate *qua evidence* may be cleared up by calling the Analyst as a witness, as was done here. All that the Statute requires (Section 20) is that the Analyst shall give a certificate of the result, "from which it may appear that an offence" against the Act has been committed. It is different where the analysis is not merely ambiguous, but is actually defective, *e.g.*, where the certificate does not state in the case of a perishable article whether any change has taken place in the constitution of the article that would interfere with the analysis. (Hudson *v.* Bridge, 1903. 19 T.L.R. 369). That objection was taken in the present case, and if it was a good one it would be fatal to the prosecution (Hunter *v.* Wintrup, 1904. 7 F.J.C. 22). But I am not prepared to sustain it. The special report is required "in the case of a certificate regarding milk, butter, or any article liable to decomposition." These words are to be interpreted as they would be understood in ordinary colloquial language. No one would associate flour with butter or milk in respect of liability to decomposition. Obviously the danger sought to be avoided is a change in condition between the time of the purchase of the sample and the receipt of it by the analyst. Flour is not liable to such sudden decomposition. The changes in it take place gradually, and, indeed, one case was mentioned during the proof where flour remained sound for 18 months after milling. In the administration of the Food and Drugs Acts one is far removed from the domain of pure science. Both parties in turn (at different stages of the case) contended that, in this matter, we are dealing with commercial conditions. I assent to that view, and have formed my opinion accordingly.

The charge then, as I read it, is that this flour is not genuine because it was bleached by peroxide of nitrogen. It is true that it was urged for the prosecution, and was affirmed by some of the witnesses, that mere excess of nitrites in a flour made it non-genuine. If I assume that this is substantively charged (as in my opinion it is not) I cannot hold that the charge is established. It is not proved that a proportion of nitrites amounting to 3·43 parts per million parts of flour so alters the nature, substance, and quality of flour as to alter its genuineness. It is admitted that no injurious effects from such a quantity can be proved, and it is altogether inadequate as a ground for convicting to argue that there is no evidence that the continuous and chronic use of nitrites and nitrates may not injuriously affect the consumer. The mere hypothesis that injury may be done though we do not know of it is not evidence. The result of the evidence is that excess of nitrites, even to a greater extent than 3·43 per million, may in certain circumstances be acquired by flour through atmospheric or other conditions without affecting the genuineness of the flour or its nutritive value. The evidence is certainly conflicting, and it is fair to the prosecution to say that they made careful experiments on this matter before charging the Respondents. These experiments show that under ordinary commercial conditions flour does not normally take up so much nitrite as the admittedly bleached flours contain. On the other hand, the experiments by the witnesses for the defence show that in some cases flour *may* under such conditions take up even more than the sample under discussion. Exposure for 14 days in a cotton bag in one part of the shop in which this flour was purchased showed an increase of 4·5 parts in nitrites. Flour kept in a bag for three weeks in a pantry showed an increase of over 6 parts, and similar results were got in other cases. These are, perhaps, exceptional cases, but the point is, that if these things occur under presumably normal conditions, it is impossible to hold the amount of nitrites to be in itself a test of genuineness. It is necessary also to prove a concomitant change in respect of deterioration. Now there is no satisfactory evidence to show that a flour has injurious effects or suffers in quality merely because it contains 3·43 parts of nitrites per million. You could not, without further evidence, say that the flour which acquired 6 parts nitrites in the pantry, though genuine when put in the pantry, was non-genuine three weeks later, when it was analysed. Otherwise, I fear we must hold that a large part of the community may be living on non-genuine flour. It is not proved that mere excess of nitrites (apart from the manner in which they come to be in the flour) affects the qualities of the flour other than colour. Accordingly, in my opinion, mere excess of nitrites is not sufficient to justify a finding that flour is not genuine. On the other

hand, I think the prosecution have shown that, when you find excess of nitrites (I do not say to what amount), it gives you reasonable ground for suspecting that the flour has been bleached. I use the term "bleach" for convenience. Some of the witnesses objected to it as inaccurate, and, indeed, curiously enough, those in the trade use the term "tinting" instead of "bleaching" or "lightening the colour, and talk of a very white as "high-coloured." But the use of the word "bleach" prejudges nothing.

The Respondents quite properly contended that they are being tried only on this particular sample (No 546 in the Prosecutor's Books), which showed 3·43 parts of nitrites. The evidence covered a very wide field, and I shall deal generally with it, although I do not propose to cover the whole of it in detail. But, in the first instance, I must determine what has been proved regarding sample 546. It was purchased on 24th October, 1911, and analysed for the Prosecutor on 4th November, 1911, when it showed 3·43 parts of nitrites per million. The Respondent's analysis conducted by Mr. Gregory on 30th November, 1911, showed 3·5 parts. The after history is curious. The remainder of the Respondent's sample, contained in a glazed paper bag, was placed by Mr. Gregory in a glass bottle which was kept corked in his office. He sent it to Mr. Horatio Ballantyne, London, on 15th January, 1912. It was analysed by Mr. Ballantyne on 16th January, and was found to contain 11 parts of nitrite per million. Then on 31st May, 1912, at the close of the Proof, the Prosecutor required the third (Process) sample to be sent to Somerset House for analysis, and on 2nd July, 1912, the Official Analysts certify the flour to contain 1·6 parts of nitrites per million. This is a somewhat startling series of changes, but I do not know that it does more than make one chary of drawing a decided inference from the nitrite content of a flour at any one particular moment. I doubt if chemical research has yet discovered the cause of such instability in respect of nitrite contents. In tendency to acquire nitrites, there may be variations as between different flours as well as in the conditions of environment.

The first question to consider is, whether it is proved that sample No. 546 has been bleached by peroxide of nitrogen? The Prosecution evidence on the point is somewhat thin. It depends mainly if not wholly on this, that unbleached flours kept and sold under ordinary commercial conditions never show such a large quantity of nitrites, and that the conditions in the shop where this sample was purchased were not specially favourable to the flour taking up nitrites. On this point I think the defence has failed to meet the prosecution, for there is no evidence of purchase of unbleached flours which, on analysis, proved to contain as high as 3·43 of nitrites. But the evidence for the defence satisfies me that this was bleached flour. It is shown that this gold grain flour comes from the Regent Mills, and the manager of the Regent Mills states that he sends it out bleached unless it is ordered unbleached. The Respondents did not order it unbleached, and I think it is sufficiently proved that this sample was a portion either of the flour received by the Respondents on 10th October or of that received on 17th October. The sample was taken from a bag on the shelf behind the counter. The result of the Respondents' experiments was that unbleached flour kept for 14 days in that position in that shop took up only ·8 of nitrites, while flour kept for 14 days in the storeroom took up only 1·8. This particular flour was five days in the storeroom and the rest of the time on the shelf behind the counter, and yet it showed 3·43 of nitrites. Accordingly I come without much difficulty to the conclusion that the flour under discussion was bleached with peroxide of nitrogen.

I may briefly summarise the other evidence regarding this sample. Mr. Clark, on testing it in February, 1912, found that the nitrites had gone down in four months from 3·43 to 2·30. This makes one suspect that something out of the way must have occurred to that portion of the Respondents' sample in which Mr. Ballantyne found 11 parts on 16th January. Mr. Clark's results are consistent with the further reduction shown in the Somerset House analysis of July, 1912, at 1·6, for there is a considerable body of evidence to show that in bleached flours the tendency is for the nitrites to disappear in the course of time, or, at least, to diminish very considerably. By the ether test Mr. Clark found that this sample No. 546 was practically colourless. That, however, is admittedly the object of bleaching for certain markets. Mr. Clark also analysed this sample in order to find its various constituents. I have been much struck by the resemblance between the results of this analysis (Mr. Clark's, Appendix XII.) and those

of his analysis of the 1st Grade of an unbleached flour (Appendix XI.). I place these side by side:—

	1st Grade Unbleached Flour.		Sample 546.
Oil,	·79	...	·68
Albumenoids (N × 5·7),	10·54	...	10·37
Carbo-Hydrates,	75·59	...	75·67
Fibre,	Traces	...	Traces
Mineral matter,	·46	..	·34
Water,	12·62	...	12·94
	100·	..	100·
Nitrogen,	1·85	...	1·82
Phosphoric acid in mineral matter,	·06	...	·15
Nitrites (as sodium nitrite per million),	·04		3·43

Except in the amount of nitrites, there is little to choose between the two so far as chemical analysis goes, and, accordingly, it could not be said that sample 546 was not of the *substance* of genuine flour, whatever may be said as to its nature and quality.

The only other evidence regarding this sample is that of Dr. Hume Paterson, who examined it microscopically in order to detect the presence of the microscopic offal particles which, though present in the higher machine grades of flour, cannot be detected by the naked eye or even with a simple lens (hairs, epicarp, and seed coat). Dr. Paterson found a number of these particles, which satisfied him that this was a lower grade flour. Mr. Ballantyne refuses to draw the same deduction. I do not think the matter is of first importance. Even a low grade flour may be genuine. The only relevancy of the evidence is in dealing with the question of quality, *i.e.*, the allegation that an inferior article is palmed off on the consumer.

Finding in fact as I do that the flour has been bleached with peroxide of nitrogen I have next to face the great subject of controversy in the case, viz.:—whether a flour which has been bleached by peroxide of nitrogen is genuine, *i.e.*, whether such an article supplied in answer to a demand for flour is "of the nature, substance, and quality of the article demanded" I am inclined to hold as I have indicated that no question arises as regards the *substance* of the flour. The matter now under discussion is whether bleaching has changed the *nature* of the article, while the question of *quality* will arise in connection with the charge that by bleaching the Miller is enabled to pass off a second grade flour as a first grade flour. The prosecution must take up very high ground here. They cannot prove that this particular sample No. 546 has caused injury to health, or that it is flour which is not capable of being used with apparently satisfactory results for the purposes for which flour is employed. They ask for a conviction on the ground that having been bleached by peroxide of nitrogen this flour falls under the condemnation which must be pronounced against all flours which have been so bleached. One witness for the prosecution appealed to Section 9 of the Bread Act as showing that flour must be "the real and "genuine produce of the wheat, free from any ingredient or mixture whatsoever." But this is not the case of adding a new ingredient or mixing. These matters are dealt with by other provisions of the Food and Drugs Acts. So far as excess of nitrites is concerned, I have expressed the view that this alone is not sufficient to ground the Complaint. The evidence is that during the milling process it almost invariably occurs that there is some access of nitrites to the flour even when the wheat is completely free. Dr. Wilson's definition of flour as "the product of wheat, cleaned, ground, sifted, and freed from offal by mechanical means, and milled without the aid of chemical agencies," does not help matters either. I think it would be impossible to bring flour strictly under this definition, which makes "freeing from offal" an essential, and, further, I have not evidence that the aid of some chemical agencies necessarily destroys the character of flour. For all I know, a chemical agency might be used which had no effect on the nature, substance, and quality of the flour. The definition really begs the whole question in this case. The fact, of course, is that there is no known standard for flour. It is undoubted that this bleached flour is bought and sold as flour. Some buyers know that it has been bleached; some have no suspicion that it has been bleached; some (and I

fancy they are the vast majority) neither know nor care, so long as the flour suits their purpose. Accordingly, one is driven back to the enquiry whether the commercial bleaching of flour so alters it as to render it not of the nature of flour,

Here the prosecution have a serious difficulty to face. While they allege that certain chemical changes are invariably produced by bleaching, they are unable to produce evidence that these changes actually have taken place in flours which are sold in the market. The kind of evidence which one expects is that certain specified bleached flours have been analysed, and that the results show certain changes in the oil, albumenoids, the digestive properties, &c. Such evidence, however, is not available. What is tendered is evidence obtained by what Mr. Ballantyne calls "the method of exaggerated treatment."

All the witnesses agree that peroxide of nitrogen (No. 2) is a poisonous gas when met with in sufficient strength, and administration of large doses to flour destroys the genuineness of flour. The prosecution witnesses argue that what they have proved takes place as the result of large doses will take place proportionately in the case of small doses, and will do so even to the minutest dose. Dr. Hehner puts it thus:—"There is a region of nitrous treatment in which I think it would be very difficult to obtain direct practical evidence of injurious effect, and therefore we can only reason from chemical and scientific knowledge that a substance, which undoubtedly has profound physiological influence in itself or in its larger doses, is very unlikely to be entirely devoid of injurious influence in that doubtful zone which the Analyst cannot trace." We are accordingly in the region of circumstantial evidence, and I think something much stronger is required for a conviction than is tendered here. I can believe that there are regions where this method of exaggerated treatment will give quite satisfactory scientific proof, but the evidence for the defence shows strong reasons for doubting the applicability of that method here. I do not think Mr. Ballantyne's statement was seriously disputed that—"with a highly-concentrated agent you may have reactions which are totally absent when you have got to deal with a highly-diluted form of the same agent." It was also shown that in many cases when the action does begin the early increments of strength thereafter have a greater proportionate effect than later increments, the effects describing a parabolic curve with zero as the apex. It is therefor consistant with chemical law to hold that up to a certain point exposure of flour to NO_2 may have an effect on the colour and yet have no prejudicial effect on the valuable properties of flour, while beyond that point such exposure may have an immediate prejudicial effect.

The changes which bleaching is said by the prosecution to produce are the following:—

(1) A change in colour. This, of course, is admitted, but it is contended that the effect of the small commercial dose of NO_2 is exhausted in changing the colour and producing a small quantity of nitrites, and that the other constituents of the flour are not affected.

(2) An effect on the fat so as to reduce the iodine value of the oil.

(3) A change in the colour and composition of the gluten.

(4) An increase in the nitrites.
This has been dealt with.

(5) An odour which, however, does not persist very long, and is a matter of little importance. The miller could not sell a flour which had an odour of NO_2.

(6) Increase in acidity.

(7) Increase in the amount of the soluble extract.

(8) Increase in the solubility of the proteins.

(9) Deleterious effect on the diastatic enzymes.

Some of these are really different manifestations of the same change.

The fact of the change was tested as regards (*a*) baking qualities, (*b*) effects on animals by feeding, and (*c*) digestion, pancreatic, peptic, and salivary.

The experiments of the scientific witnesses for the prosecution were almost entirely with large doses of NO_2. These led them to the conclusion that from 5 CC. to 30 CC. of NO_2 per kilogram of flour was used in commercial bleaching. It is perhaps unfortunate that Dr. Wilson did not take advantage of the offer by the Riverside Company to permit him to investigate their methods thoroughly. While I understand Dr. Wilson's difficulty in accepting the offer, still it might possibly have been taken advantage of without prejudice, and the parties might have been brought to closer quarters. However, on the assumption that the method of exaggerated treatment was a sound one, Dr. Wilson's refusal is quite comprehensible, and to a large extent the result of his own and his assistants' investigations is accepted by the Respondents. Professor Moore's laboratory experiments were with 20 CC., 30 CC., 100 CC., and 4,500 CC., and he infers that from 10 to 20 CC. is used in commercial bleaching. He cannot speak to the effect of small bleaches, but his evidence is that whatever dose bleaches flour to any extent will produce the other results to which he speaks. Dr. Eadie's tests of the action of NO_2 on the diastatic enzymes of bleached flour were made with a bleach of 60 CC. Mr. Thomson experimented with strengths of 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, and 30 CC., but the one experiment with 2 CC. relates solely to increase of nitrites and loss of colour—effects which are admitted. His experiments with 5 CC., except as regards these two matters, showed negligible results. So far as digestibility goes, Mr. Clark got definite results only with bleaches of 15 CC. and over. Dr. Hehner's smallest dose was 4 CC., but he found that there was no effect on digestibility under 6·6 CC. Similarly, Mr. Brown tried nothing under 5 CC. While the prosecution were thus concerning themselves with the effects of high doses of NO_2, the defence witnesses confined their attention to dealing with flours as actually treated by a bleaching plant—mainly, I think, with those produced in the Regent Mills, from which Sample No. 546 came. The plant installed in these mills is the "Corona" plant, and there is nothing in the evidence to throw any doubt on the accuracy of the description given of this plant by the witnesses, or on the result of the experiments. In fact, to a very large extent, the experiments on the two sides were conducted on such different lines that it is impossible to affirm serious conflict between their results. With the Corona plant the NO_2 is obtained by driving a current of air through the electric flame produced in a high-tension arc. This produces NO, which, in contact with the air, becomes NO_2. The NO_2, as it forms, comes in contact with the flour in a cyclinder 6 to 8 feet long, containing a rotating worm which carries the flour through. The bleaching takes place while the flour is passing through the cylinder. The quantity of NO produced depends on the strength of the electrical current, and the machine provides five different strengths of current, operated by a switch with five knobs. The current cannot be increased beyond the fifth knob. The result of investigation showed by Mr. Ballantyne that the amounts of NO_2 applied in this way were at the first knob ·3 CC *per* kilo of flour, at the third knob 1 CC., and at the fifth knob 1·7 CC. There is no reason for not accepting these figures; the prosecution offers no evidence on the matter. Mr. Ballantyne takes 3 CC. as an excessive bleach. For the most part the Respondents' witnesses deal with experiments on flours bleached with these five strengths, and they find no deleterious effects.

Now, it is quite a fair observation that positive results are to be preferred to negative. But that assumes that the experiments are conducted on the same subject.

It must be taken as the result of the evidence that commercially bleached flours cannot be proved to be different in their essential characteristics from unbleached flours. On this point, so far as actual experiment goes, the prosecution allow judgment to go by default. It is not a good ground for convicting that there is no evidence that the continuous and chronic use of nitrites may not injuriously affect the consumer. The prosecution must prove a positive; they are not entitled to require the Respondents to prove a negative. Nor is it enough for the prosecution to "hint a fault and hesitate dislike" when confronted with the evidence as to the accuracy of the "Corona" process. They had the opportunity of testing it and did not take it. Positive evidence on the point must be met with something more than an expression of scepticism.

I do not propose to deal in detail with the evidence as to the specific changes said to be due to bleaching. The evidence of the two sides does not necessarily conflict, because you cannot fairly compare experiments on flour as sold commercially with experiments made in the laboratory with excessive bleaches. As regards the effect on the fat the Respondents' witnesses state that the iodine value decreases naturally as the

flour ages. In any case, Dr. Hehner, a witness for the Pursuer, refused to attach serious importance to this change. There seems to be little doubt that aging increases the soluble extract, as shown in Mr. Clark's Appendix V., though he was unable to account for the increases there shown. The question of odour is, as I have indicated, of no practical moment, for a flour so bleached as to retain an odour would be tainted flour which no one would buy or keep. In regard to the other matters, the experiments, as I have said, are not susceptible of comparison, and the Defenders' results hold the field, because their experiments were carried out on commercially bleached flours, and because I am unable to hold that the tests carried out on an exaggerated scale can be fairly applied to such flours. As to the baking tests, the evidence of practical bakers was quite inconclusive. They did not establish that certain undesirable results always attend the use of bleached flour. The obvious explanation is that if this were so bleached flour would certainly lose its market. The tests on rats and rabbits seemed to me of very little assistance.

The question of change of colour, however, requires consideration, because the prosecutor contends that bleaching enables the miller to provide flour of a different *quality* from that which is demanded. Curiously enough, no one is produced who can say that he has been so deceived, *i.e.*, that, by bleaching, the miller has succeeded in palming off an inferior flour upon him. The object of the elaborate machinery of the modern flour mill is to obtain the maximum of flour with the minimum of what is called "offal," *i.e.*, bran and germ. In this process the flour is taken off gradually by a series of machines, and it is found that, speaking generally, the flour deteriorates in quality and becomes yellower in colour as you go down the mill. The upper machines are practically quite free from offal, while the flour from the lowest machines has an amount that is readily detectable by the eye. The colour in the lower grades is largely due to the offal, but the excess of colour in the middle grades over the highest is due to the colouring matter associated with the oil. The miller may mix all the flours together—what is called a straight run—or he may have a first-grade flour consisting of the product of so many of the upper machines, and a second grade consisting of the remainder. Each miller decides for himself what his "divide" is to be. He may divide into three grades or more if he pleases. The first grade of unbleached flour is whiter than the second grade, and the Complaint of the prosecution is that, by bleaching, the miller puts second-grade flour on the market, and sells it as first grade. Attention is drawn to the advertisement of the "Corona" process, which claims that bleaching by that process gives a "better divide." Here again one is confronted by the difficulty that this is not proved. Not a single witness can say that he has been asked to pay a first-class price for a bleached second-grade flour. None of them can say that, having asked for unbleached flour, they were supplied with bleached, or that, having asked for first-grade flour, they were supplied with second-grade bleached. The fact is that undue stress is laid upon this question of whiteness as the test of the flour. It is shown that different parts of the country have different tastes in the matter of whiteness. Some prefer a dead white; others prefer the natural creamy colour. But it is idle to suggest that colour is the only test. The baker and the housewife buy their flour mainly on their experience of its qualities as brought out in baking. They will not sacrifice these to colour. If they can find these combined with the colour they prefer that is what they will buy. Now, the top grade of the flour has other advantages over the second grade than whiteness. I take the evidence of Mr. Montgomery, a witness for the prosecution:—"In addition to the better colour, the first grade is the cream of the mill and a better quality of flour. . . . From a baker's point of view you get a texture, bloom, and pile in the loaf made from the first-grade flour which you cannot get in the lower grade. . . . The second lacks the flavour and sweetness that the first grade has." No one suggests that, by bleaching, the miller can impart these qualities to the second-grade flour. It is obvious, then, that the baker, if he knows his business, can detect in his first batch of bread whether he is being supplied with flour of the grade which he requires, and if he is not the miller will not be given a second chance. A charge of this sort would be perfectly comprehensible if it related to one parcel of flour sold by a miller to a baker. But when it is brought against a large group in the milling industry it becomes absurd. If they attempt to palm off inferior flour on their customers they will very soon be found out. Even the housewife will not go on buying flour which does not please her; and there is sufficient competition to ensure that the price of flour will, in the long run, depend on its baking qualities.

I am satisfied that the miller's object in bleaching is to meet the tastes of his customers with respect to colour. There was some loose talk in the earlier part of the proof as to the miller being enabled by bleaching to produce the same whiteness in his flour as was produced in American flour by its voyage. It appears to be undoubted that flour becomes somewhat whiter as it ages, and this is associated with an increase in nitrites. The proof leaves me with the impression that chemists have not yet solved the reason for and the cause of this aging. Probably some chemical change begins in the flour as soon as it is milled (as is suggested by the natural increase in the soluble extract which occurs merely with the lapse of time). But with regard to American flour I suspect the whiteness has been attributed wholly to aging without much investigation. I was much more favourably struck with the explanation of the matter given by Mr. Farquhar, a witness for the defence. The American miller can use one grade of wheat all the year round. There is thus uniformity in the colour of his flour, and the purchaser who gives a repeat order knows that he will get the same colour. The British miller, on the other hand, is dependent for his supplies on the country or countries which have a good crop in any particular year. Even with blending various kinds of wheat, he cannot be sure of preserving uniformity of colour. But by the aid of bleaching he can year after year produce exactly the tint of flour which his customer desires. As I have indicated, if he sacrifices quality to colour, his customer will very soon pull him up. I am not moved one way or the other by the argument that bleaching only accelerates the operation of natural causes. I doubt if art can ever exactly copy nature. But my view is that the result of commercial bleaching, so far as the evidence before me goes, is merely to alter the colour to suit the taste of the consumer, without altering the nature, substance, or quality of the flour so as to render it a different article. The ordinary purchaser of flour is not thinking of the various machine grades of flour. Whatever the baker may know about milling, not one housewife in ten thousand knows anything about it. Most of them probably believe that the grinding is a single process. What they look for is a good baking flour of the colour they fancy. Probably the reason why so many prefer a white flour is that they found they got great satisfaction out of some Hungarian or American flour which was very white, and they suppose that whiteness necessarily is associated with quality. In this, of course, they are quite wrong, just as people in certain localities may be who associate good baking qualities with cream-coloured flour. But, so long as the nature, substance, and quality are not affected, there is no law against the miller bleaching. There is evidence that the miller bleaches first grades, second grades, and straight runs to suit his market. He does not bleach the lowest grades because the colour in them is mainly due to the offal which does not bleach, and so if by bleaching he lightens the colour contained in the oil this just throws up the colour of the offal. Even first grade flours are bleached when their colour is too strong for the market.

The colour of the flours from various wheats varies and therefore bleaching is resorted to to preserve uniformity.

As I stated at the outset, this is not a matter of pure science. My natural sympathies are all with the prosecution. I do not see why these artificial changes should be produced in articles of food for æsthetic reasons. I appreciate the medical standpoint that where there is even the apprehension of danger because you are working with materials which under certain circumstances may produce noxious results such processes should be prohibited. But such operations do not necessarily involve an offence against the Sale of Food and Drugs Act. My decision here is not based on the smallness of the amount used. As was pointed out, an infinitesimal amount of formalin will produce deleterious chemical changes in milk. My judgment is rested in this, that adequate proof has not been tendered of deleterious results due to bleaching the sample of flour before me. I am afraid I must hold that the prosecution is based on apprehended evils rather than on proved deterioration. It will not do for the purposes of a prosecution to argue that the process should be prohibited, unless it can be proved that the effect is noxious. That would be an excellent argument to address to the legislature, but in these proceedings the Prosecutor must prove his case. I sympathise with the spirit which has induced the prosecution, and possibly its purpose may, to some extent, have been effected by the resulting publicity. But I come without any hesitation to the conclusion that the contravention alleged has not been proved.

REMARKS BY SHERIFF SHENNAN IN GIVING JUDGMENT IN BLEACHED FLOUR PROSECUTION.

In submitting his Judgment his Lordship said:—

In this case I have prepared a somewhat lengthy opinion, and I do not propose to read it but simply to hand it over. I may, however, summarise it very briefly. I find the charge not proven. The charge under the Act is not two charges but only one—bleaching flour by peroxide of nitrogen. That is a charge to which the certificate forms a proper basis. I am also quite clearly of opinion that the certificate is not defective from want of the addition that the sample was not changed before it came into the Analyst's hands. My view is that the provision must be taken as a matter of common sense. Flour is not liable to decomposition like butter and milk. I want to remark further, that there is a charge here that the flour was not genuine because of the excess of nitrites. I could not hold that that was proved—the simple fact that the excess of nitrites makes flour other than genuine. Coming to sample 546, I am of opinion that it is proved that this is a sample of bleached flour. I have now to consider the points as to whether it is of the substance, nature, and quality demanded. Now, I am quite clear that it is of the substance of genuine flour. I think that is brought out very clearly by a comparison of two of Mr. Clark's tables, in which there is a remarkable resemblance between the constituents of a first-grade unbleached flour and sample 546, the only essential difference being, as regards the excess of nitrogen. That disposes of the question of substance. I come now to the point—was it of the nature of genuine flour? And here my view is that the Complainer has failed to prove that bleaching has changed the nature of the flour. Unfortunately, though perhaps unavoidably, the scientific evidence on both sides did not meet, because the Complainer's witnesses, no doubt from a readily-conceived view of their position, proceeded on what Mr. Ballantyne called "exaggerated treatment." My view of the evidence is that it is proved that exaggerated treatment is not a legitimate method to apply to a case of this sort. On the other hand, the Respondent's witnesses dealt exclusively with commercially-bleached flour, and, so far as their evidence goes, no essential change was proved to have taken place in the flour by bleaching from what it was before it was bleached. Then there is the question of quality. That is, I take it, the question on which Dr. Wilson laid stress. It was alleged that this process enabled the miller to put upon his customer an inferior quality of flour under the impression that he was getting flour of a superior quality. But where the complainer's proof fails here is that there is no evidence to show that any man has been taken in in that way. I cannot find that in the proof—that any man having asked for first grade flour was supplied with a second grade bleached flour. While this would be quite a conceivable reason for prosecution in the case of one person I cannot regard it as commercially possible that a whole bundle of millers should be able to place on the market an inferior flour simply by bleaching it. Because, after all, what a customer looks to is the baking results of the flour, and, in the long run, the baking results would tell if a flour had been affected by bleaching. The putting of an inferior flour on the market in response for a superior flour would be found out in time.

I may say I have had great satisfaction in the hearing of this case. It seems to me that the pleaders on both sides, and the scientific witnesses, proceeded with scrupulous fairness, and it was a great pleasure to me to listen to them.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 22nd May, 1912, being a Meeting of the Weights and Measures Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 22nd May, 1912.

Present—

JOSEPH HALLEY. | WILLIAM SYM.
ALEXANDER HAMILTON. | JAMES TONNER.
JAMES WALKER.

Attending—

EDMUND DONALD, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Mr. Tonner, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 24th April last, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting the reports of the Inspectors for the month of April (Appendix), a summary of which had been sent to each member of the committee. *Inspectors' reports.*

The Clerk submitted a note of the salaries of the Inspectors and of the waget of the Inspectors' Assistants, payment of which was authorised by the committee, subjecs to being passed by the Finance Committee, viz. :— *Inspectors' salaries, &c.*

Inspectors' Salaries to 15th June.

Chief Inspector, ...	£17 10 0	
Inspector Chrystal, ...	12 10 0	
Inspector Mitchell, ...	12 10 0	
Inspector Paterson, ...	11 5 0	
		£53 15 0

Inspectors' Assistants' Wages to 11th May.

Chief Inspector, ...	£6 8 0	
Inspector Chrystal, ...	6 8 0	
Inspector Mitchell, ...	5 4 0	
Inspector Paterson, ...	5 4 0	
		23 4 0
		£76 19 0

Inspectors' expenses.

The meeting also passed for payment the following sums in respect of Inspectors' expenses, &c., viz.:—

Inspectors' Expenses to 15th May.

Chief Inspector,	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1	13 5
Inspector Chrystal,	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	15 5
Inspector Mitchell,	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1 3
Inspector Paterson,	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	17 1
							£12	7 2

ACCOUNTS.

Gilchrist Bros., Wishaw—Carting standard weights and measures,			£1	16 0
James Donaldson, Motherwell—	Do.	do.,	4	10 0
Robert Haddow, Lanark—	Do.	do.,	5	5 0

COUNTY OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTORS' REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING 30TH APRIL, 1912.

VERIFICATION WORK.

District.	Number of Weights, &c., submitted.	CORRECT.			STAMPED.			ADJUSTED.		REJECTED.		
		Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 1,	154	24	—	—	69	1	55	68	1	—	—	6
„ 2,	1,770	148	18	12	1,539	13	16	1,327	9	13	4	7
„ 3,	151	—	—	—	59	79	13	59	—	—	—	—
„ 4,	613	43	22	7	523	12	3	523	5	—	1	2

OUTDOOR INSPECTION.

District.	Number of Visits.	Number of Weights, &c., examined.	CORRECT.			INCORRECT.		
			Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 1,	227	2,817	1,914	441	386	108	12	10
„ 3,	*71	158	51	3	97	3	—	4
„ 4,	*103	107	—	—	99	—	—	8

* Of these 59 and 103 were Collieries.

FEES.

District	Stamping.			Adjusting.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
No. 1,	5	4	8	0	9	7½	5	14	3½
„ 2,	6	12	2	11	5	1½	17	17	3½
„ 3,	3	13	11	0	8	4	4	2	3
„ 4,	3	6	2½	4	5	1	7	11	3½
Total,	£18	16	11½	£16	8	2	£47	5	1½

Received from Burgh of Rutherglen, - £12 0 0

BURGH POLICE (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1892.

No. 1 District.—Made-up articles were weighed in 75 places of business

22nd May, 1912.

26th June, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 26th June, 1912, being a Meeting of the Weights and Measures Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

W. W. Chapman.
Thomas G. Cowan.
Joseph Halley.
Alexander Hamilton.
Robert Lambie.
William Love.
David K. Michie.
William Neilson.
William Sym.
James Tonner.

Attending—

Edmund Donald, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Chairman. Mr. Tonner, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 22nd May last, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Inspectors' reports. The Clerk laid before the meeting the reports of the Inspectors for the month of May (Appendix), a summary of which had been sent to each member of the committee.

Inspectors' salaries, &c The Clerk submitted a note of the salaries of the Inspectors, and of the wages of the Inspectors' Assistants, payment of which was authorised by the committee, subject to being passed by the Finance Committee, viz. :—

Inspectors' Salaries to 15th July.

Chief Inspector, ...	£17 10 0	
Inspector Chrystal, ...	12 10 0	
Inspector Mitchell, ...	12 10 0	
Inspector Paterson, ...	11 5 0	
		£53 15 0

Inspectors' Assistants' Wages to 13th June.

Chief Inspector, ...	£8 0 0	
Inspector Chrystal, ...	8 0 0	
Inspector Mitchell, ...	6 10 0	
Inspector Paterson, ...	6 10 0	
		29 0 0
		£82 15 0

Inspectors' expenses, &c. The meeting also passed for payment the following sums in respect of Inspectors' expenses, &c., viz. :—

Inspectors' Expenses to 15th June.

Chief Inspector, ...	£2 5 11
Inspector Chrystal, ...	2 4 10
Inspector Mitchell, ...	8 4 8
Inspector Paterson, ...	2 15 7
	£15 11 0

Accounts.

James Donaldson, Motherwell—Carting standard weights and measures, ...	£5 12 0
Edward Laurie, Airdrie, Do. do.,	12 7 0

Proceedings at Annual General Meeting of Incorporated Society of Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

There was submitted to the meeting a report by Inspector Mitchell of the proceedings at the annual general meeting of the Incorporated Society of Inspectors of Weights and Measures, held in London on 6th, 7th, and 8th current.

Question of printing report.

It was remitted to the chairman to consider whether the report should be printed, and, if so, to instruct its being sent to the members of the committee.

Short weight in sale of tea, &c.—Decisions of Appeal Court.

With reference to the question of short weight in the retailing of goods, the Clerk referred to decisions in two cases which had recently been heard in the Appeal Court, Edinburgh, the particulars of which, as stated in the newspapers, were briefly as follows:—The two cases raised the question of selling tea with the paper wrapper included in the weight and the selling of fresh butter in prints or moulds, and in both cases convictions which had been obtained were quashed, with £12 12s. expenses in each case. The ruling opinion was given by the Lord Justice Clerk, who said that as the packets of tea were sold as being "gross weight," this, as was known, meant the weight including the wrapper. The whole of the evidence negatived fraudulent intent, for the representation with the packet was not half a pound of tea, but that the tea and cover together as a packet were of a gross weight of half a pound, which was true. Regarding the butter selling conviction, the article sold was made up in a mould or print, and was in a paper wrapper, which bore the words, "This article is not sold by weight." Their Lordships held, as in the tea case, that any deficiency in weight was not due to fraudulent intent, and that reasonable means had been taken to show to the customer that the butter was not sold by weight.

The meeting agreed to continue the remit to the Chairman and Clerk on the subject of the law relating to short weight.

APPENDIX.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTORS' REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING 31st MAY, 1912.

VERIFICATION WORK.

District.	Number of Weights, &c., submitted.	Correct.			Stamped.			Adjusted.		Rejected.		
		Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 1,	1,037	52	25	3	828	26	87	828	23	5	1	10
„ 2.	247	—	—	—	235	—	12	235	—	—	—	3
„ 3,	559	34	3	1	440	43	38	440	2	—	—	—
„ 4,	26	—	—	—	—	—	22	—	—	—	—	4

OUTDOOR INSPECTION.

District.	Number of Visits.	Number of Weights, &c., examined.	Correct.			Incorrect.		
			Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 2,	*162	173	—	—	151	—	—	22
„ 3,	*87	1,380	834	382	160	1	—	3
„ 4,	*133	147	—	—	134	—	—	13

* Of these 100, 12, and 66 were collieries.

FEES.

District.	Stamping.	Adjusting.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
No. 1,	8 15 4	6 8 1½	15 3 5½
„ 2,	6 12 2	2 18 1	9 10 3
„ 3,	6 12 11½	3 8 8½	10 1 8
„ 4,	8 17 10	0 0 0	8 17 10
TOTAL	30 18 3½	12 14 11	43 13 2½

BURGH POLICE (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1892.

No. 1 District.—Made-up articles were weighed in 8 places.

„ 4 „ .— „ „ 10 „

„ 1 District.—In the course of the verification work 67 visits were made.

26th June, 1912.

24th July, 1912. 33

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 24th July, 1912, being a Meeting of the Weights and Measures Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 24th July, 1912.

Present—

William Davie.	William Love.
Joseph Hallby.	Gavin A. Shanks.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Sym.
Robert Lambie.	James Tonner.

Attending—

Edmund Donald, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Mr. Tonner, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 26th June last, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting*

The Clerk laid before the meeting the Reports of the Inspectors for the month of June, (Appendix I.), a summary of which was handed to each member of the committee. *Inspectors' reports.*

The Clerk submitted a letter from Mr. Donald, Chief Inspector, of date 11th July, stating that he proposed to take his annual fortnight's holiday on 13th current. *Chief Inspector's holiday.*

The meeting authorised the Clerk to pay until the next meeting of the committee, the salaries of the inspectors and of the wages of the inspectors' assistants, as they fell due. *Salaries of inspectors, &c.*

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting, the Clerk stated that he had sent to each member of the committee a print of the report by Inspector Mitchell of the Proceedings at the Annual General Meeting of the Incorporated Society of Inspectors of Weights and Measures, held in London on 6th, 7th, and 8th June, a copy of which forms Appendix II. to this minute. *Report of proceedings at Annual General Meeting of Incorporated Society of Inspectors of Weights and Measures.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from the Town-Clerk of Glasgow, of date 6th July, 1912, transmitting copy of a report by their Chief Inspector on Weight and Measures, on the subject of short weight in retailing of goods and inquiring whether this County Council were in agreement with the Corporation on the several points specifically referred to in the communication, and whether they would be willing to co-operate with the Corporation and other Local Authorities in making a representation to the Board of Trade on the subject. *Short weight in retailing of goods.—Report by Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures for Corporation of Glasgow.*

The meeting, having discussed the whole matter, agreed to co-operate with the Corporation and other Local Authorities in making representations to the Board of Trade on the lines suggested in the report, and particularly on the following points:— *Agreed to co-operate with Corporation and other Local Authorities in making representations to Board of Trade.*

(1) that all tea sold by retail shall be sold by nett weight;

(2) that in the sale of commodities, other than tea, a limit shall be placed on the weight of the bag or wrapper used;

(3) that all goods (usually sold by weight) offered for sale by retail in packages, which have previously been made up and set aside with a view to sale, shall be sold by weight, and not by price only without any reference to weight.

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APPENDIX I.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTORS' REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1912.

Verification Work.

District.	Number of Weights, &c., submitted.	Correct.			Stamped.			Adjusted.		Rejected.		
		Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 1,	717	63	2	4	545	7	93	506	7	—	—	3
,, 2,	1,314	160	71	14	1,022	13	12	1,022	13	7	5	10
,, 3,	946	65	12	6	802	21	29	802	2	8	1	2
,, 4,	1,420	58	39	52	1,198	43	17	1,197	36	8	—	5

Fees.

District.	Stamping.			Adjusting.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
No. 1,	9	2	$0\frac{1}{2}$	3	13	8	12	15	$8\frac{1}{2}$
,, 2,	9	6	$1\frac{1}{2}$	7	15	$3\frac{1}{2}$	17	1	5
,, 3,	6	0	2	6	5	5	12	5	7
,, 4,	8	11	$2\frac{1}{2}$	9	5	$6\frac{1}{2}$	17	16	9
Total,	32	19	$6\frac{1}{2}$	26	19	11	59	19	$5\frac{1}{2}$

24th July, 1912.

APPENDIX II.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

TO THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES COMMITTEE OF THE LANARKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INCORPORATED SOCIETY OF INSPECTORS OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES HELD IN LONDON, ON THE 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH JUNE, 1912.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit report on the above meetings.

Punctually at 11 o'clock a.m. on Thursday the President of the Society, Major-General The Right Hon. Lord Cheylesmore, K.C.V.O., D.L., Chairman of the London County Council, occupied the chair. After extending a hearty welcome to the society, and expressing the great pleasure it gave him to meet with the members at their Annual Meeting, he introduced Colonel Sir C. M. Watson, K.C.M.G., R.E., who read a paper, entitled "British Weights and Measures, historically considered."

Sir C. M. Watson said there were few matters of greater importance in the everyday life of the community than the adoption of a convenient system of Weights and Measures. No system of Weights and Measures could be perfect, and probably none be devised that would be equally suitable for all purposes, but after a long and careful study of the question it would appear that the British system is as good as any that could be invented. It has had, moreover, the advantage of having been under trial for a thousand years, if not longer, during which period it has been steadily improved and simplified.

Take as a starting point the first recorded law insisting upon uniformity, passed about the year 965, during the reign of King Edgar, which enacted that only one weight and one measure should pass throughout the King's dominions. This law was observed at London and Winchester, London being the principal commercial town, whilst Winchester was the Royal City and the seat of Government.

From the year 1066, when William the Conqueror took possession of England, down to 1215, in the reign of King Henry III., it was laid down that there should be one measure for wine, one measure for ale, and one measure for corn. Not many years later two Royal Ordinances were issued of great importance, one of which was entitled "The Assize of Weights and Measures," and the other "The Statute with regard to the Measurement of Land," which contain the first careful definitions of our Weights and Measures, and which remained in force for nearly six centuries, until repealed by the Act of 1824.

To King Henry III. must be given the credit of having been the first to place the British Standards of Weight and Capacity on a satisfactory basis. He also appears to have been the first to make a Standard Yard. The working of the Ordinance with reference to this first standard yard is as follows:—

"And it is to be remembered that the Iron Yard of our Lord the King "contains 3 feet and not more; and the foot must contain 12 inches by the correct "measure of this kind of yard, that is to say, one thirty-sixth part of the said "yard makes one inch, neither more nor less, and five and a-half yards make one "perch, that is sixteen and a-half feet in accordance with the above described Iron "Yard of our Lord the King."

The sequence of measures enacted by the Ordinances was therefore—

3 barley corns	= 1	inch,
12 inches	= 1	foot,
3 feet	= 1	yard,
5½ yards	= 1	perch or acres breadth,
40 perches	= 1	rood or acres length,

and, so far as we know, these measures have never since that time been altered in length. Even the barley corn is still in common use amongst shoemakers, as the sizes of boots are based upon it.

During the reign of King Edward III. an important Act of Parliament was passed dealing with Weights and Measures. This seems to have been the first law appointing Inspectors of Weights and Measures employed under the Exchequer. Four years later an Act was passed that gave the duty of seeing that the Standards were properly maintained back to the Local Authorities.

The paper read was very instructive, and must have caused the writer a great deal of research to collect all the different items. Sir C. M. Watson desires to be informed of any old Weights or Measures, or documents relating to same.

At one o'clock the Right Hon. Lord Cheylesmore, K.C.V.O., D.L., held a reception in Old Westminster Palace Hotel. This was followed by a luncheon, at which an opportunity was afforded of making the acquaintance of other Inspectors from every part of the country.

The afternoon was spent on business relating to the society and in examining the exhibits of the different manufacturers. It was a very fine show of all the latest appliances.

On Friday forenoon, at 11 o'clock, the chairman was Major P. A. MacMahon, F.R.S. (Deputy Warden of the Standards), who introduced Mr. Allan Granger, Inspector of Weights and Measures (City of Birmingham), who read a paper, entitled "The Canadian Weights and Measures Act and Regulations." This Act and Regulations date since 1906. In the Province of Quebec the measures of length and superficies for all lands comprised in those parts of the province are French. The other provinces being different, the measures are the same as the British, the weight 100 Standard pounds being a cental or hundredweight.

Mr. Granger, in touching on the different sections of the Act and comparing them with the British, thought that the British, as far as the working was concerned, was just as adaptable as the Canadian. The Canadian Act imposes a minimum fine as well as a maximum.

In closing the discussion, Major MacMahon said he had visited Canada three times in relation to the Weights and Measures. He made some very interesting remarks on his visits. Being a new country, it is just feeling its way in regard to the Weights and Measures, and a new Act is contemplated to deal more fully with the present-day requirements.

At the afternoon meeting Mr. Thomas Latham, Inspector of Weights and Measures (Yorkshire), submitted proposals for the amendment of the Bread Acts. A large number of those present joined in the discussion. Every one agreed that alterations in the present Bread Acts were urgently required, that the Scotch system of having the weight impressed on the loaf was the best, and that all bread be sold by weight from 1 lb. up to 12 lb. loaves. It was left to the Executive Council to put the proposals before the Board of Trade, and ask them to take action in the matter.

On Saturday an opportunity was given to visit Windsor Castle. I accepted the invitation, and spent a very pleasant and profitable day.

I beg to tender my sincere thanks to the Weights and Measures Committee for so considerately allowing me to be one of their representatives at this Annual Meeting. It has been a great pleasure and profit to me to see the latest appliances for carrying out the Weights and Measures Acts, to meet with Inspectors from almost every district of the country, and to hear how the Act is administered by them.

In placing these few notes before you I find a great difficulty in expressing the good that I have derived from this meeting.

Your obedient Servant,

ANDREW MITCHELL.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 25th September, 1912, being a Meeting of the Weights and Measures Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 25th September, 1912.

Present—

THOMAS G. COWAN.
JOSEPH HALLEY.
ALEXANDER HAMILTON.
ROBERT LAMBIE.
WILLIAM LOVE.
HUGH M'LEAN.
WILLIAM SYM.
WILLIAM TEMPLETON.
JAMES TONNER.
JAMES WALKER.

Attending—

EDMUND DONALD, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Mr. Tonner, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 24th July, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting reports of the Inspectors for the months of July and August, summaries of which (Appendices I. and II.) had been sent to each member of the committee. *Inspectors' reports.*

The Clerk submitted a note of the salaries and expenses of the Inspectors, and of the wages of the Inspectors' Assistants, which had been authorised and paid since the date of last meeting, viz. :— *Inspectors salaries, &c.*

Inspectors' Salaries to 15th August.

Chief Inspector, ...	£17 10 0		
Inspector Chrystal, ...	12 10 0		
Inspector Mitchell, ...	12 10 0		
Inspector Paterson, ...	11 5 0		
		£53 15	0

Inspectors' Assistants' Wages to 15th July.

Chief Inspector, ...	£6 8 0		
Inspector Chrystal, ...	6 8 0		
Inspector Mitchell, ...	5 4 0		
Inspector Paterson, ...	5 4 0		
		23 4	0

Inspectors' Expenses to 15th July.

Chief Inspector, ...	£2 10 5		
Inspector Chrystal, ...	4 3 4		
Inspector Mitchell, ...	6 8 1		
Inspector Paterson, ...	2 3 9		
		15 5	7
		£92 4	7

Inspectors' Salaries to 15th September.

Chief Inspector, ...	£17 10 0	
Inspector Chrystal, ...	12 10 0	
Inspector Mitchell, ...	12 10 0	
Inspector Paterson, ...	11 5 0	
		£53 15 0

Inspectors' Assistants' Wages to 10th August.

Chief Inspector, ...	£6 8 0	
Inspector Chrystal, ...	6 8 0	
Inspector Mitchell, ...	5 4 0	
Inspector Paterson, ...	5 4 0	
		23 4 0

Inspectors' Expenses to 15th August.

Chief Inspector, ...	£0 15 1	
Inspector Chrystal, ...	0 9 5	
Inspector Mitchell, ...	0 7 11	
Inspector Paterson, ...	8 19 2	
		10 11 7
		£87 10 7

The following account was submitted and passed for payment:—

Fred. Narrowmore, Motherwell—painter work at office, Motherwell, £3 3s.

The Clerk also submitted a note of the salaries of the Inspectors, and of the wages of the Inspectors' Assistants, payment of which was authorised by the committee, subject to being passed by the Finance Committee, as follows, viz.:—

Inspectors' Salaries to 15th October.

Chief Inspector, ...	£17 10 0	
Inspector Chrystal, ...	12 10 0	
Inspector Mitchell, ...	12 10 0	
Inspector Paterson, ...	11 5 0	
		£53 15 0

Inspectors' Assistants' Wages to 14th September.

Chief Inspector, ...	£8 0 0	
Inspector Chrystal, ...	8 0 0	
Inspector Mitchell, ...	6 10 0	
Inspector Paterson, ...	6 10 0	
		29 0 0
		£82 15 0

The meeting also passed for payment the following sums in respect of Inspectors' expenses, &c., viz.:—

Inspectors' Expenses to 15th September.

Chief Inspector, ...	£0 16 5
Inspector Chrystal, ...	1 17 10
Inspector Mitchell, ...	0 19 6
Inspector Paterson, ...	5 4 0
	£8 17 9

Short weight in retailing of goods.—Report by Chief Inspector.

There was submitted a report by the Chief Inspector (Appendix III.) on the subject of short weight in retailing of goods, and the Clerk stated that a print of the report had been sent to each member of the committee.

Motion by Mr. Templeton.

The committee having at their last meeting disposed of the proposals Nos. 1, 2, and 3, proceeded to consider proposal No. 4, and after discussion Mr. Templeton moved approval thereof, which was seconded by Mr. Cowan.

Amendment by Mr Lambie.

By way of amendment, Mr. Lambie moved that the recommendations be not approved of, and that instead the recommendation be that all packages of goods offered for sale by retail must correspond in weight with one or other of the Board of Trade's standards of avoirdupois, and must have the represented weight clearly marked on the outside, which was seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

Motion carried.

On a vote being taken, by way of a show of hands, a majority voted in favour of the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

Examination of persons nominated to post of Inspector of Weights and Measures.

The Clerk laid before the meeting a communication by the Board of Trade intimating that an examination of persons nominated by Local Authorities to the post of Inspector of Weights and Measures was to be held at Edinburgh on the 16th and 17th October next.

Uniformity in design of date stamp.—Communication from Board of Trade.

The Clerk submitted a further communication from the Board of Trade, of date 2nd September, recommending that, with a view to securing uniformity in the design of stamps, Local Authorities should adopt a date stamp in which the year is indicated by the last two figures of the year. This was agreed to, and the Chief Inspector was instructed accordingly.

Application for increase of wages by Mr. Robert Farquhar.

There was submitted to the meeting an application by Mr. Robert Farquhar, Assistant to Inspector Paterson, for an increase of wages, and the meeting, having considered the same, agreed to an increase from 26s. to 28s. per week as from 23rd September.

City of Glasgow Extension Act, 1912.—Position of Chief Inspector.

The Clerk drew the attention of the committee to the position of the Chief Inspector as it was affected by the City of Glasgow Extension Act, 1912, and the meeting, after discussion, remitted the matter to the Clerk for consideration and report.

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APPENDIX I.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTORS' REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING 31st JULY, 1912.

Verification Work.

District.	Number of Weights, &c., Submitted.	Correct.			Stamped.			Adjusted.		Rejected.		
		Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 1, ...	290	24	—	1	191	—	68	191	—	—	—	6
„ 2, ...	1,109	113	46	7	897	13	14	197	13	11	4	4
„ 3, ...	476	8	—	3	443	10	12	443	3	—	—	—
„ 4, ...	949	52	26	20	812	26	—	812	8	2	—	5

Outdoor Inspection.

District.	Number of Visits.	Number of Weights, &c., Examined.	Correct.			Incorrect.		
			Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 1, ...	36	740	483	156	89	5	5	2
No. 3, ...	78	1,570	945	466	153	3	—	3

Fees.

District.	Stamping.	Adjusting.	Total.
No. 1, ...	£5 4 2	£1 11 4	£6 15 6
„ 2, ...	7 8 10½	7 6 2	14 15 0½
„ 3, ...	4 14 7½	3 7 0	8 1 7½
„ 4, ...	4 4 10½	5 16 11½	10 1 10
	£21 12 6½	£18 1 5½	£39 14 0

Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892.

No. 1 District. Made-up articles were weighed in 10 places.

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COUNTY OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTORS' REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING 31st AUGUST, 1912.

Verification Work

District.	Number of Weights, &c., submitted.	Correct.			Stamped.			Adjusted.		Rejected.		
		Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 1,	759	76	13	—	593	14	49	590	14	—	1	13
No 2,	260	60	—	3	188	—	7	188	—	—	—	2
No. 3,	1,617	39	10	5	1,432	94	28	1,432	7	8	—	1
No. 4,	968	55	26	15	801	13	34	801	13	12	4	8

Outdoor Inspection.

District.	Number of Visits.	Number of Weights. &c., examined.	Correct.			Incorrect.		
			Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 2,	601	10,932	7,242	2,228	1,137	124	91	110

Fees.

District.	Stamping.			Adjusting.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
No. 1,	8	10	11	4	11	1½	13	2	0½
,, 2,	3	15	5½	2	1	4	5	16	9½
,, 3,	8	10	8	10	16	9	19	7	5
,, 4,	7	15	0½	7	3	5½	14	18	6
	28	12	1	24	12	8	53	4	9

Reported for Prosecution.

Robert Jackson, ... Unjust scale.
Anthony M'Gettigan, ... ,,
William Bell, ... Short measure in whisky.
William Bell, ... ,, ,,
Alexander M'Laughlan, ... ,, ,,
Alexander Goodwin, ... ,, ,,
James Kelly, ... ,, ,,
John Campbell, ... ,, ,,
John Reid, ... ,, ,,

These cases are pending.

APPENDIX III.

County of Lanark Weights and Measures Office,
16 Bridge Street, Partick,
7th August, 1912.

To the Weights and Measures Committee
of the Lanarkshire County Council.

Gentlemen,

SHORT WEIGHT IN RETAILING OF GOODS.

I beg to say that I have read Mr. Lindsay's letter of 6th instant, also report of informal meeting of representatives of certain Local Authorities, and report by Chief Inspector of Glasgow. I approve of these reports, and would suggest that the Local Authority of this County combine with other Local Authorities in making representation to the Board of Trade as to the necessity for legislation on the following lines:—

(1) that all tea sold by retail shall be sold nett weight;

(2) that in the sale of commodities other than tea a limit shall be placed on the weight of the bag or wrapper used;

(3) that all goods (usually sold by weight) offered for sale by retail in packages, which have previously been made up and set aside with a view to sale, shall be sold by weight, and not by price only without any reference to weight; and

(4) that all such packages which are not equal in weight to any one of the Board of Trade standards of avoirdupois shall have the represented weight clearly marked on the outside.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

EDMUND DONALD,
Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 22nd May, 1912, being a Meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark. — 22nd May, 1912.

Present—

John Adam.
James Anderson.
Robert G. Carson.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Alexander Hamilton.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
Robert Lambie.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
William Love.
William M. Marshall
Lawrence Maxton.
John D. Scott.
Gavin A. Shanks.
William Speirs.
William Sym.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Templeton.
James Tonner.
James C. Hope Vere.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.

J. G. Kennedy, as representing Dr. Hill, Clerk to the District Committee of the Lower Ward.

Mr. John D. Scott, Chairman of the Committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 14th February, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk reported that the Glasgow Water (Charges) Bill had come before the same committee as that which considered the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, and that after the case for the promoters had been heard the committee had intimated that they found the preamble of the Bill not proved. — *Glasgow Water (Charges) Bill.—Decision of Committee of House of Commons.*

The Clerk explained that the committee were no doubt influenced by their decision in the case of the Glasgow Boundaries Bill—as reported to the joint-meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council and of representatives of the Lower Ward District Committee—which would have the effect of excluding from the purview of the Water (Charges) Bill the Burghs of Govan and Partick and the greater portions of the Counties of Lanark, Renfrew, and Dunbarton, which are presently supplied with water by the Glasgow Corporation.

The meeting expressed disappointment at the decision of the committee.

Lanark County Tramways Bill.—Agreement with burghs. — Negotiations pending with Tramway Company.

With reference to the Lanark County Tramways Bill, the sub-committee reported the present position of matters, and intimated that an Agreement had been arrived at with the Burghs, and that negotiations were now in process of being carried out with the Company with a view to an amicable settlement.

Glasgow Water Bill.

With regard to the Glasgow Corporation Water Bill, the Clerk reported that the only matter referred to in this Bill which seemed to affect the interests of the Council injuriously was the proposal of the Corporation to impose upon proprietors of houses having a supply of pumped water an obligation to provide certain apparatus which the Corporation might deem necessary, but as the result of action which had been taken the Corporation had withdrawn the proposal in so far as it affected the County areas.

Glasgow Corporation Order.

With reference to the Glasgow Corporation Order, the Clerk reported that the promoters had satisfactorily adjusted the Order so as to remove the objection which the County Council had to the powers sought by the Corporation, and which, in the opinion of the Council, would have entitled the Corporation to differentiate as regards water and gas supply between the terms offered to the districts inside and outside the city respectively.

Clyde Valley Electrical Power Order.

With reference to the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Order, the Clerk reported that the Order came before Commissioners under the Private Legislation Procedure Act, 1899, at a sitting in Glasgow on 2nd April, when the proposal to confirm an Agreement between the County Council and the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Company with regard to the supply of electrical energy for the purpose of lighting in the districts of Shettleston, Bothwell, Blantyre, and Bellshill had been opposed by the Corporation of Glasgow, and that there had also been submitted to the Commissioners a Report by the Board of Trade objecting to the proposed form of the Agreement.

The Clerk stated that he had given evidence before the Commissioners in support of the Agreement, and that, after hearing other evidence, the Commissioners had passed the Order, and that the chairman had intimated that the Commissioners were satisfied that the Agreement was in the interests of the districts covered by it.

The committee expressed satisfaction at the result.

Caledonian Railway Order. — Withdrawal of County Council's petition.

The Clerk reported that the petition against the Caledonian Railway Order had been withdrawn consequent upon that Company having inserted in the Order a clause which had been adjusted by Mr. Whyte and himself protecting the interests of the County Authorities.

Temperance Bill.

The Clerk laid before the meeting a copy of the Temperance Bill, the main provisions of which he briefly explained, and of which consideration was continued.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

29th May, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 29th May, 1912, being a Meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

John Adam.	William Love.
James Anderson.	William M. Marshall.
Colonel A. L. H. Buchanan.	William Neilson.
Robert G. Carson.	John D. Scott.
James H. Fenton.	Gavin A. Shanks.
George Fraser.	William Speirs.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Sym.
Robert Lambie.	Colonel King Stewart.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart. M.V.O.	William Templeton.
	James Tonner.

James C. Hope Vere.

Attending—

J. G. Kennedy, as representing Dr. Hill, Clerk to the District Committee of the Lower Ward.

Mr. John D. Scott, Chairman of the Committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 22nd instant, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk reported the result of a meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee of this committee, and of the Lower Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, which had been held the same day, and the minute of which forms an appendix to this minute. The meeting approved thereof. *Glasgow Boundaries Bill.—Report of Meeting of Joint Sub-Committee.*

The meeting having resumed consideration of the Temperance (Scotland) Bill, the Clerk explained that the Act defined the "area" within which a poll may be taken as— *Temperance Bill.*

(1) In the case of a county—the parish, and

(2) In the case of a burgh of not less than ten thousand inhabitants, any ward of such burgh, and in the case of other burghs, the whole burgh.

The meeting, after discussion, and on the motion of Mr. Neilson, seconded by Colonel King Stewart, approved of the "areas" in counties being as above defined.

After further general discussion, it was agreed that the matter be left in the hands of the Chairman and the Clerk, with power to take such action as they may consider advisable.

APPENDIX.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

GLASGOW BOUNDARIES BILL, 1912.

29th May, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 29th May, 1912, being a Meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council and of the Lower Ward District Committee in connection with the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, 1912.

Present—

John Adam.
James Anderson.
A. H. J. Briggs.
Robert G. Carson.
Walter C. B. Christie.
George Fraser.
Thomas Fulton.
Robert Lambie.
W. M. Marshall.
Lawrence Maxton.
William Neilson.
William Speirs.
John D. Scott.
Colonel King Stewart.
James C. Hope Vere.
James Walker.

The following members representing landward Electoral Divisions affected by the Order were also present:—

J. Raeside Auld.
William Davie.
David K. Michie.
John Wheatley.

There was also present W. Macfarlane, the representative of the Rutherglen Parish Council on the District Committee of the Lower Ward

Attending—

J. G. Kennedy, as representing Dr. Hill, Clerk to the Lower Ward District Committee.

Chairman.

Mr. John D. Scott, chairman of the Joint Sub-Committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Communication from Town-Clerk of Glasgow.

The Clerk submitted and read to the meeting a communication, of date 22nd instant, which he had received from the Town-Clerk of Glasgow, and which was in the following terms, viz. :—

"THE CORPORATION OF GLASGOW.

"City Chambers,
"Glasgow, 22nd May, 1912.

"The County Clerk,
"Lanarkshire.

"DEAR SIR,

"GLASGOW BOUNDARIES BILL.

"In view of the decision of the House of Commons Committee, it has been suggested that an early meeting is desirable, in the hope that arrangements may be made to avoid the further serious expense which would be involved in a fight before a Committee of the House of Lords. If your Council are of this mind, the Corporation Sub-Committee will be pleased to have a meeting with them or their representatives as soon as possible.

"I shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience, and, of course, any such meeting would be without prejudice.

"Yours faithfully,

(Signed) "J. LINDSAY,
"*Town-Clerk.*"

Sub-Committee appointed to meet Corporation.

The meeting, having agreed to meet the Corporation, appointed the following members to be a sub-committee for this purpose, viz. :—

William Neilson.
John D. Scott.
William Speirs.
Colonel King Stewart.

The Clerk was instructed to communicate with the Town-Clerk, Glasgow, and arrange for a suitable day for a meeting with the Corporation Sub-Committee.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

5th June, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 5th June, 1912, being a Meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

Colonel Buchanan.
Robert G. Carson.
George Fraser.
Robert Lambie.
William Love.
William M. Marshall.
William Neilson.
John D. Scott.
Gavin A. Shanks.
William Speirs.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
James C. Hope Vere.

Attending—

John G. Kennedy, as representing Dr. Hill, Clerk to the District Committee of the Lower Ward.

Chairman. Mr. John D. Scott, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 29th ultimo, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Glasgow Boundaries.—Report of joint sub-committee. The Clerk reported the proceedings at meetings of the joint sub-committee appointed in regard to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, as the same are set forth in the minutes of the joint sub-committee which form Appendices I. and II. to this minute.

Decision of committee. The meeting, after hearing the report of the sub-committee who met with representatives of the Corporation on the 31st ultimo, instructed the Clerk to write to the Town-Clerk of Glasgow stating that the proposals then put forward by the Corporation were not such as could be accepted by the County Council as a settlement in the matter.

Minutes of Advisory Sub-Committee on Tramways. The minutes of the Advisory Sub-Committee on Tramways, of date 29th ultimo, which form Appendix III. to this minute, were submitted.

APPENDIX I.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

GLASGOW BOUNDARIES BILL, 1912.

GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 22nd May, 1912, being a Meeting of the Joint-Meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council and of representatives of the Lower Ward District Committee in connection with the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, 1912. 22nd May, 1912.

Present—

John Adam.
James Anderson.
A. H. J. Briggs.
Robert G. Carson.
Walter C. B. Christie.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Thomas Fulton.
Alexander Hamilton.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
Robert Lambie.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
William Love.
W. M. Marshall.
Lawrence Maxton.
John D. Scott.
Gavin A. Shanks.
William Speirs.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
James Tonner.
James C. Hope Vere.
David Watson.
James Walker.

The following members representing landward Electoral Divisions affected by the Order were also present:—

J. Raeside Auld.
William Davie.
David K. Michie.
John Wheatley.

There was also present W. Macfarlane, the representative of the Rutherglen Parish Council on the District Committee of the Lower Ward.

Attending—

J. G. Kennedy, as representing Dr. Hill, Clerk to the Lower Ward District Committee.

Mr. John D. Scott presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

Decision of Committee of House of Commons.

The Clerk reported that as the result of an Inquiry, extending for twenty days, the Committee of the House of Commons, presided over by Mr. J. J. Mooney, had found the preamble of the Glasgow Boundaries Bill proved, with the exception of the proposals to include within the city the Burgh of Rutherglen, the landward area of the Parish of Rutherglen, and certain parts of the County of Renfrew. The effect of this decision would be that, in addition to the disjunction from the County of Lanark of the Burghs of Govan and Partick, with a total valuation of £890,480, there would be disjoined from the County landward areas in the Lower Ward having a valuation of £187,460.

Agreed to oppose Bill in House of Lords.

The Chairman of the Committee, the Convener of the County, and the Chairman of the Lower Ward District Committee and other members having expressed their views on the decision of the House of Commons Committee, the meeting, after consideration, unanimously resolved to continue opposition to the Bill in the House of Lords, and agreed that meantime the matter be continued in the hands of the Joint Sub-Committee.

APPENDIX II.

GLASGOW BOUNDARIES BILL, 1912.

5th June, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 5th June, 1912, being a Meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council and of the Lower Ward District Committee in connection with the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, 1912.

Present—

A. H. J. Briggs.
Robert G. Carson.
Walter. C. B. Christie.
George Fraser.
Thomas Fulton.
Robert Lambie.
W. M. Marshall.
William Neilson.
William Speirs.
John D. Scott.
Colonel King Stewart.
James C. Hope Vere.
James Walker.

The following members representing landward Electoral Divisions affected by the Order were also present:—

J. Raeside Auld.
William Davie.
David K. Michie.

Attending—

J. G. Kennedy, as representing Dr. Hill, Clerk to the District Committee of the Lower Ward.

Chairman.

Mr. Scott, chairman of the joint sub-committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Apologies.

Apologies for absence were submitted from Messrs. James Anderson and William Macfarlane.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the joint sub-committee, of date 29th ultimo, which had been printed and sent to each member of the joint sub-committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Under reference to these minutes, the Clerk reported on behalf of the sub-committee appointed at that meeting that they had met with representatives of the Corporation Sub-Committee who had suggested, for the consideration of the County Council, that in the event of the County Council agreeing to withdraw their opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill in the House of Lords, the Corporation would be prepared to meet a proportion of the expenses incurred by the County in their opposition to the Bill in the House of Commons. *Report by sub-committee of meeting with sub-committee of Corporation.*

The Clerk further stated that the Corporation's representatives had indicated their willingness to consider any representation which the County Council might desire to make with regard to the question of territory, provided that such proposals did not involve the retention within the county of the districts of Shettleston and Tollcross, and South Govan.

The representatives of this committee informed the Corporation sub-committee that they would lay before this committee the proposals of the Corporation.

After discussion, Mr. Briggs moved that the matter be remitted to the sub-committee already appointed, with the addition of Mr. Christie, with full powers, which was seconded by Mr. Marshall. *Motion by Mr. Briggs.*

Mr. Fraser moved, by way of amendment, that the negotiations with the Corporation of Glasgow should not be continued, which was seconded by Mr. Auld. *Mr. Fraser's amendment.*

On a vote having been taken by way of a show of hands a majority voted for the amendment, which was accordingly declared carried. *Amendment carried.*

APPENDIX III.

ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE ON TRAMWAYS.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 29th May, 1912, being a Meeting of the Advisory Sub-Committee of the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark, appointed with reference to the Lanark County Tramways Bill. 29th May, 1912.

Present—

GEORGE FRASER. | WILLIAM NEILSON.
WILLIAM M. MARSHALL. | JOHN D. SCOTT.
Colonel KING STEWART.

Attending—

W. E. WHYTE, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.

Mr. Scott, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting a copy of the agreement which had been come to with the Burghs of Hamilton, Motherwell, and Wishaw, as the result of further negotiations which had taken place with the burghs on the subject. *Agreement with Burghs.*

Negotiations with London solicitors for Tramways Company.

The Clerk also reported the negotiations which he had had with the London solicitors for the Lanarkshire Tramways Company with the view to an understanding being come to.

Bill submitted with suggested amendments by Lord Chairman.

There was also submitted a copy of the Bill with suggested amendments by the Lord Chairman, the principle of which related to the proposed reduction of the period for repayment borrowed money from 30 years to 15 years.

Remit to Clerk and Mr. Whyte to arrange meeting with Lord Chairman.

The meeting agreed that representation be made against this proposal, and remitted to the Clerk along with Mr. W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward, to arrange a meeting with the Lord Chairman with a view to a satisfactory adjustment of the Bill. It was also remitted to them to adjust, in consultation with Mr. Tyldesley Jones, K.C., clauses giving effect to the agreement with the burghs and any understanding that might be come to with the company.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

26th June, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 26th June, 1912, being a Joint-Meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee and Representatives of the Lower Ward District Committee in regard to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill.

Present—

John Adam.
James Anderson.
Colonel Buchanan.
Arthur H. J. Briggs.
Robert G. Carson.
Walter C. B. Christie.
William Davie.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Thomas Fulton.
Robert Lambie.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
William Love.
William Macfarlane.
William M. Marshall.
David K. Michie.
John D. Scott.
William Speirs.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
James Tonner.
John Wheatley.

Attending—

J. G. Kennedy, as representing Dr. Hill, Clerk to the Lower Ward District Committee.
Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

Chairman.

Mr. John D. Scott, chairman of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 5th June, which had been printed, and a copy sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Minutes of Joint-Committee on Glasgow Boundaries Bill.

The Clerk having reported the proceedings at a meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee on Glasgow Boundaries Bill held that day, as the same are set forth in the minute of the Joint Sub-Committee which forms Appendix I., the same were approved of.

Appointment of Advisory Sub-Committee.

The meeting agreed that the following members be appointed an Advisory Sub-Committee in charge of the Bill, viz. :—

James Anderson.	William M. Marshall.
George Fraser.	John D. Scott.
Robert Lambie.	Colonel King Stewart.
William Love.	James C. Hope Vere.

Mr. Scott to be chairman of the sub-committee.

Members to be retained as witnesses.

It was further agreed that the following members of the County Council and District Committee representing districts which were directly affected by the proposals of the Bill should be retained as witnesses, and should be consulted by the sub-committee in connection with the conduct of the case, viz. :—

John Adam.	William Davie.
J. Raeside Auld.	David K. Michie.
A. H. J. Briggs.	William Macfarlane.
Robert G. Carson.	William Speirs.
Thomas Fulton.	John Wheatley.

James Walker.

The members of the County Council and District Committee not being members of the Parliamentary Bills Committee having retired, the meeting proceeded to deal with the following items of business :—

Minutes of Sub-Committee on Tramways Bill.

The minutes of the Sub-Committee on Tramways, of date 20th June, and of the Advisory Sub-Committee, of dates 12th and 19th June (Appendix II.), copies of which had been sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of.

Minutes of Sub-Committee on Blantyre Gas.

The minutes of the Sub-Committee on Blantyre Gas, of dates 29th May and 19th June (Appendix III.), which had also been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of.

Clyde Valley Electrical power Order.

The Clerk having stated with reference to the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Order that notwithstanding that the Order had been made by the Commissioners appointed to consider it, and that he had satisfied the Commissioners of the reasonableness of the Agreement between the County Council and the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Company, the Scottish Office still entertained certain objections to it, the meeting agreed to leave it to the Clerk to make such representation to the Secretary for Scotland in the matter and to take such action as he might deem necessary.

Franchise Bill. — Consideration continued.

The Clerk having called the attention of the meeting to the provisions of the Franchise Bill recently introduced into the House of Commons on behalf of the Government, which proposed to transfer the duties in connection with the preparation of the Register of Voters from the Sheriff Clerk of the County to the Assessors, it was agreed to take up consideration of the Bill so far as affecting County administration at a future meeting.

Diseases of Animals (Consolidation) Bill

The Clerk having laid before the meeting a copy of the Diseases of Animals (Consolidation) Bill recently introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. George Greenwood, M.P., the meeting agreed to refer it to the Executive Committee under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

APPENDIX I.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK

JOINT-COMMITTEE *RE* GLASGOW BOUNDARIES BILL.

26th June, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 26th June, 1912, being a Meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council and of the Lower Ward District Committee in connection with the Glasgow Boundaries Bill.

Present—

John Adam.
James Anderson.
Arthur H. J. Briggs.
Robert G. Carson.
Walter C. B. Christie.
William Davie.
George Fraser.
Thomas Fulton.
Robert Lambie.
William Macfarlane.
William M. Marshall.
David K. Michie.
John D. Scott.
William Speirs.
John Wheatley.

Attending—

J. G. Kennedy, as representing Dr. Hill, Clerk to the Lower Ward District Committee.
Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

Chairman. Mr. John D. Scott, chairman of the Joint Sub-Committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee, of date 5th June, which had been printed, and a copy sent to each member of the sub-committee, having been submitted, were approved and signed.

Bill to be taken on 1st July. The Clerk reported that he had been advised by the Parliamentary Agents that the Glasgow Boundaries Bill would be taken in the House of Lords on Monday next by a Committee presided over by Lord Kintore.

Counsel and witnesses. The Clerk thereafter indicated to the meeting the arrangements which he proposed as regards counsel and witnesses, of which the meeting approved, and authorised him to make such other arrangements in connection with the conduct of the case as circumstances may from time to time call for.

Petitions by ratepayers. The meeting having discussed the question as to whether or not supplementary petitions by ratepayers in the districts proposed to be annexed should be prepared, agreed that these would not be necessary.

APPENDIX II.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

LANARK COUNTY TRAMWAYS.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 12th June, 1912, being a Meeting of the Advisory Sub-Committee appointed with reference to the Lanark County Tramways Bill. 12th June, 1912.

Present—

JOHN D. SCOTT.	WILLIAM NEILSON.
W. M. MARSHALL.	GEORGE FRASER.

Mr. Scott, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk reported that he had had on the previous day along with Mr. Whyte, the District Clerk, a meeting with the Solicitors for the Tramway Company in London, and that as a result there had been adjusted, subject to the approval of the sub-committee, an agreement in terms of the copy Minute of Agreement sent to each member of the sub-committee, along with a print of amended clauses giving effect thereto. *Meeting with Tramway Company's Solicitors.—Agreement come to.*

He further informed the meeting that he had also sent copies of the agreement and clauses to the Town-Clerks of the Burghs of Hamilton, Motherwell, and Wishaw, and had arranged for a meeting with representatives of these burghs to be held subsequent to this meeting.

The meeting, having discussed the matter, approved of the Agreement submitted.

The Clerk stated that, pending the final adjustment of the agreement with the company, the meeting with the Lord Chairman had by arrangement been postponed. *Meeting with Lord Chairman postponed*

Thereafter there were introduced to the meeting the following representatives of the burghs, viz. :— *Introduction of burghs representatives.*

Hamilton Town Council.

Provost Smellie. Bailie Moffat.
Ex-Provost Keith. R. G. Slorach.
Arthur Anderson.
Along with—P. M. Kirkpatrick, Town-Clerk.

Motherwell Town Council.

James Burns, Town-Clerk.

Wishaw Town Council.

A. G. Stewart, Town-Clerk.

The Chairman of the Sub-Committee having explained to the representatives of the burghs, the position in which the matter now stood, in consequence of the agreement proposed with the Company, certain questions were raised as to the bearing of that agreement on the understanding arrived at as between the County Council and the Town Councils of the several burghs.

Burghs to consult Parliamentary Agents.

The County Clerk having given explanations on several points it was agreed that the burghs should have an opportunity of consulting their Parliamentary Agents, and that, with this object, the County Council should meet the expenses to London of one representative and the Town-Clerk from each burgh.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

LANARK COUNTY TRAMWAYS BILL 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Thursday, 20th June, 1912, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark, and of representatives of the District Committee of the Middle Ward, on the Lanark County Tramways Bill. 20th June, 1912.

Present—

ROBERT G. CARSON.
WILLIAM L. DYER.
GEORGE FRASER.
ALEXANDER HAMILTON.
ROBERT LAMBIE.
WILLIAM NEILSON.
JOHN D. SCOTT.

Attending—

W. E. WHYTE, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.

Mr. Scott, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk reported the proceedings at a meeting of the Advisory Sub-Committee, held the previous day, all as set forth in the minutes of that sub-committee, which form an appendix to this minute, and the same were approved. *Proceedings at meeting of Advisory Sub-Committee.*

It was agreed that the conduct of the Bill be left in the hands of the Advisory Sub-Committee with powers, and that the Clerk be meantime authorised to take such steps as he should consider advisable in connection with the Bill. *Remit to Advisory Sub-Committee with powers.*

The proposed reply prepared by the County Clerk to the observations made on behalf of the Burghs in Part V. of the Bill, was read to the meeting, and the same, subject to certain alterations, was, after a vote, approved *Reply to Burghs observations in Part V. of Bill.*

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE *RE* LANARK COUNTY TRAMWAYS BILL.

19th June, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 19th June, 1912, being a meeting of the Advisory Sub-Committee of the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark appointed with reference to the Lanark County Tramways Bill.

Present—

GEORGE FRASER. | WILLIAM NEILSON.
W. M. MARSHALL. | JOHN D. SCOTT.

Attending—

W. E. WHYTE, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.

Chairman. Mr. Scott, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Appointment of Committee of House of Lords to hear Bill. The Clerk stated that the Tramways Bill had been placed seventh in a group to be heard by a Committee of the House of Lords consisting of—

Duke of Bedford, chairman,
Marquis of Camden,
Marquis of Zetland,
Viscount Falmouth,
Lord Silchester (Earl Longford),

which commences its sittings on Tuesday, 25th current, but that it was thought probable that the Bill would not be reached for at least three days after the date mentioned.

Counsel and witnesses. The Clerk stated the names of the Counsel who had been briefed and of the names of the expert and local witnesses who had been retained to give evidence in support of the case, and suggested that, in view of the altered circumstances consequent on the agreement with the Company, the number of witnesses might be reduced. The meeting approved and agreed to recommend that the selection of witnesses be left to the County Clerk in consultation with Mr. Whyte, the Parliamentary Agents and Counsel.

Observations by Burghs on Part V. of Bill. There was submitted to the meeting a communication of date 18th instant, which had been received from Messrs. Grahames, Currey, & Spens, together with copy of a letter addressed to them by Messrs. Beveridge, Greig & Company, the Parliamentary Agents for the Burghs of Hamilton, Motherwell, and Wishaw, containing observations on Part. V. of the Bill, as amended consequent on the agreement come to with the Tramways Company, and explaining the attitude of the burghs in the altered circumstances. The Clerk also submitted a letter which he had drafted in reply to Messrs. Beveridge, Greig & Company's letter.

Meeting of Tramways Sub-Committee to be called. It was agreed that a meeting of the Tramways Sub-Committee be called for the following day to consider the matter.

APPENDIX III.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE *RE* BLANTYRE GAS.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 29th May, 1912, being a meeting of the sub-committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark, appointed with reference to Blantyre Gas. 29th May, 1912.

Present—

James H. Fenton. | John D. Scott.
William Neilson. | Colonel King Stewart.
James Tonner.

Attending—

As representing the Middle Ward District Committee—

William Barr. Daniel Sym.
William Templeton.
W. E. Whyte, District Clerk.

As representing the District—

John Jackson. | Alexander R. Mitchell.

Mr. Scott, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the sub-committee of date 27th March, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a communication he had received from the Secretary of the Blantyre Gas Company containing the observations of the Directors of the Company on the report of Mr. W. S. Brown, on the condition of the Gas Works, and stated that he had sent a copy of the communication to each member of the sub-committee. *Observations by Directors of Company on report by Mr. W. S. Brown.*

The meeting, after discussion, continued consideration of the matter, and meantime instructed the Clerk to transmit to Mr. Brown for his observations, a copy of the communication from the Directors of the Company, and on receiving the same, to convene an early meeting of the committee.

19th June, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 19th June, 1912, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark appointed with reference to Blantyre Gas.

Present—

JAMES H. FENTON. | WILLIAM NEILSON.
JOHN D. SCOTT.

Attending—

As representing the Middle Ward District Committee—

WILLIAM BARR. | WILLIAM TEMPLETON.
W. E. WHYTE, District Clerk.

As representing the District—

JOHN JACKSON. | ALEXANDER R. MITCHELL.

Chairman. Mr. Scott, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the sub-committee, of date 29th ultimo, which hod been printed and sent to each member of the sub-committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Copy of communication from Directors of Company transmitted to Mr. Brown. The Clerk stated that as instructed he had transmitted to Mr. Brown for his observations a copy of the communication received from the Directors of the Company, and he submitted to the meeting Mr. Brown's reply.

The Clerk further stated that he had sent to each member of the Committee a print (Appendix) containing copies of reports and letter from Mr. W. S. Brown and also copy of the communication from the Board of Directors of the Blantyre Gas Company.

The meeting agreed that no good purpose would be served by sending a copy of Mr. Brown's latest report to the Directors of the Gas Company.

Decision of sub-committee. After further consideration, the meeting instructed the Clerk to inform the Directors of the Gas Company that, as the result of their deliberations, and on the information submitted to them, they were of opinion that the gas-supply in the district served by the Company had not been developed to the extent it could, with the result that, both as regards price and conditions of supply generally, an improvement could be effected; that the committee could not disregard the representations which had been made to them by a substantial body of the ratepayers in the district, nor the proposals that had been put forward for the introduction of another source of gas supply; but that—having regard to the desire not to prejudice the Company, and to the improvements already effected, or promised, as regards price and conditions of supply, and, in the expectation that still further improvements will be effected—consideration of the whole matter be delayed for a period of six months.

APPENDIX.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

BLANTYRE GAS WORKS.

COPIES OF REPORTS AND LETTER FROM MR. WM. S. BROWN, GAS MANAGER, GIFFNOCK,

AND

COMMUNICATION FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BLANTYRE GAS COMPANY.

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(1) Copy of First Report by Mr. Wm. S. Brown.

These works were originally very small, and have been added to from time to time.

The Company do not appear to have anticipated the increase of business which has taken place, and have not always acted on a sufficiently progressive policy.

The site extends to fully one acre, portions of which have been acquired at different times; but there appears to have been no fixed plan for extensions, and the result is not satisfactory. New purifiers of ample size have recently been erected. Storage capacity (holders), said to contain 220,000 cubic feet, is out of all proportion to the works, and much in excess of possible requirements in the near future. The two holders last erected are of a construction to give the largest capacity at the lowest cost. The *Carbonizing Plant*—which is of *first importance*—is not up to date, and I do not think it is practicable to erect improved plant within the present Retort House, and keep the present Retort Bench going. There is space within the present ground for a new Retort House and Carbonizing Plant, which would cost about £3,000. The saving in cost of gas would give a return on the capital expenditure.

The situation of the works is not favourable. It is at the extreme end of the area supplied, and on the highest level (or nearly so). This necessitates high pressure at the works, in order to force the gas to the lower levels and to consumers at the other end of the district, and there being a very large proportion of small mains (3-inch pipes) with defective joints and faults, due to underground workings, extra pressure is to be avoided, as it would add to the leakage.

The Manager informed me that the annual make of gas is 32 million cubic feet, and that the leakage and unaccounted for gas is 34 per cent., or nearly 11 millions. This, if correct, represents a loss of about £600 per year in coal alone. I do not think these figures are correct. The returns supplied by the Company to the North British Association of Gas Managers, and published by them for the last three years, states the unaccounted for gas as 14 per cent. to 15 per cent. The Station Meter at the works does not appear to be working or in use, so the only reliable data available will be found in the Company's balance sheet for 1911, where the revenue from gas is stated at £2,575 16s. 8d., which at the price of 3s. 4d. per 1,000 feet

gives a total of 21,443,000 cubic feet, 15 per cent. loss being allowed for. This practically harmonises with the coal account in same balance sheet.

The paid up Capital of the Company is, ...	£10,000 0 0
There are Reserves—expended on Works, ...	£1,122 18 7
Balance of Reserve Fund, ...	447 18 10
Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss, ...	1,410 15 1
Making a total of, ...	£2,981 12 6

Exclusive of profits for 1911, £1,165 8s. 7d., which is over 11½ per cent. on the paid up Capital, while the Reserves are equal to about 30 per cent.

The profits earned may be called in question in relation to the price charged for gas, viz., 3s. 4d. per 1,000 cubic feet.

For comparison with other Companies under similar conditions I note—

Unaccounted for Gas.	Make.	Price.	Capital.
15 per cent., Blantyre, ...	32 million,	3s. 4d.,	£10,000
10 per cent., Bathgate, ...	34 „	2s. 6d.,	12,000
11 per cent., Carluke, ...	21 „	2s. 6d.,	10,000

Bathgate charges 2s. 1d. for public lighting, and makes no charge for meters.

Blantyre and Carluke both charge meter rents.

These three works are all in mining districts, and well situated for cheap coal.

I do not know the dividends paid by Bathgate and Carluke.

Recent Gas Acts have all put a check on unduly high prices being charged, and have regulated dividends according to price of gas.

I think the price charged by Blantyre Company would not warrant a 10 per cent dividend, nor be sanctioned if they were a statutory Company.

W. S. BROWN.

Giffnock, 5th March, 1912.

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(2) Copy Communication from Board of Directors of Blantyre Gas Company, Ltd.

Blantyre, April, 1912.

To the Parliamentary Bills Committee
of the County Council of Lanark.

Gentlemen,

The Directors of Blantyre Gas Company, Limited, respectfully submit the following as their observations on Mr. W. S. Brown's report on the condition, &c., of the Gas Works, also upon the complaints by the Ratepayers' Representatives :—

(1) Admitted the works were originally small, but it may be pointed out most things have a small beginning.

(2) Admitted the Company did not anticipate the increase that has taken place; but who ever thought, 50 years ago, that Blantyre would be what it is to-day. Not admitted that the policy of the Company has been at fault, or that it has not been sufficiently progressive.

(3) Admitted the ground for the site of the works has been feued from time to time as required, consequently no fixed plan could possibly be adopted; but, at the same time, it is emphatically denied this has been in any way detrimental to the arrangements of the works. Admitted the purifier and holder capacity are ample for very many years to come; not a policy to be condemned, as has been done by the Reporter. With regard to the cost of the holders, it may be stated one of them

was erected 18 years ago, and has never cost the Company a single penny for repairs. Not a bad record, and one that well warranted another of a similar description being erected. The part of the report dealing with the Carbonizing Plant amounts almost to an insult. If there is any part of the works in which the Directors pride themselves it is the Retort Bench, or Carbonizing Plant arrangement. It may be noted here that the system was the first of its kind in Scotland, and was introduced by the late Mr. Scott, who was Manager from 1891 till 1905. While it is admitted mechanical appliances are in use in some large works, our manufacture is too small for their introduction, there is no better Retort Setting anywhere than those in use at Blantyre Gas Works. *There is no need for new Carbonizing Plant.*

(4) *Situation of Works.*—Admitted the works could be better situated, but when first erected there were very few houses in Stonefield; the great majority of consumers were then in High Blantyre District. The Reporter, however, is entirely wrong in stating the works are, or nearly so, situated on the highest level. Practically the works are situated in the mean of the highest and lowest points of distribution, about two-fifths of the whole consumers being in the higher district. Certainly the lower district requires extra pressure, but this is where the greater portion of the larger sized pipes are laid. How the Reporter got his information with respect to the large proportion of small 3-inch mains the Directors are at a loss to know, also how he ascertained the pipes were faulty and had defective joints; but it is satisfactory to note he blames the underground workings for this state of affairs.

(5) *Leakage of Gas.*—How the Reporter arrives at £600 being the loss in coal alone, and that the loss of gas amounts to 15 per cent., is rather a mystery. 15 per cent. loss to the gas sold would show the total make to be 25,227,000 cubic feet, equal to a yield of 6,912 cubic feet of gas per ton of coal carbonized. A ridiculous proposition, so much so that no further notice need be taken of his misdoubting the Manager's statement that the make of gas is 32 millions, or his remarks with reference to the Station Meter.

The statement regarding the financial position of the Company is admitted, and one the Directors may well congratulate themselves upon as being a wise policy; but it may be pointed out that from the balances shown there falls to be deducted the dividend for the year of the accounts. At the same time, the Directors consider that the financial aspect of the Company was entirely outwith the Reporter's province, as was also his comparison in the prices charged for gas by the two Companies named in the report. It is here submitted the Reporter should have been more accurate, and stated the price of gas in Bathgate for ordinary purposes as being 2s. 11d. per 1,000 cubic feet, not 2s. 6d. as in the report. Enough evidence has already been furnished to show that the price of gas in Blantyre now (2s. 11d. per 1,000 cubic feet) compares favourably with many Companies with a similar and even treble the make, irrespective of the excessive loss in this district caused by mineral subsidences.

General.—The report, on the whole, is a mysterious production. First the Company is condemned for the want of forethought to make due provision for future requirements, next faulted for making too much provision for future requirements, and again for providing these requirements, of the best description, at the lowest cost. The Reporter, while condemning the Carbonizing Plant, never inspected it. He did not even open a mouthpiece or a furnace door to ascertain the extent of the heats. This is the very first thing a practical man would have done before passing judgment.

The Directors make bold to say the works as a whole are well arranged, and fully equipped for the best means of manufacture.

The Station Meter was not examined by the Reporter, and this may account for his statement that it did not appear to be working or in use. From the statement of the leakages furnished to the County Clerk, and which went back to the introduction of the Station Meter, you will be able to judge whether this part of the report is correct.

The Reporter was in the premises for not more than half an hour, ten minutes of which was spent in his inspection of the works, and about twenty minutes in the office, engaged in ordinary conversation, and it may be left with you to decide whether a complete and satisfactory examination could be made in this limited period. It would seem the Reporter's mind was made up as to the nature of his report before seeing the works, as it is one of wholesale fault finding, certainly not an unbiassed one.

Representations made by Ratepayers' Representatives.

(1) *Price of Gas.*—The Directors submit this has been remedied as far as possible, and cannot give any undertaking that they will be able in the near future to reduce the price further, unless to this extent, that should the earnings warrant it a reduction in the price will certainly be given.

(2) *Quality of Gas.*—The Directors consider there is no room for complaint on this score, as the quality is much superior to the gas supplied by most Companies. In the face of this being one of the complaints, it may be suggested that it would not be advisable to reduce the quality, as was specially spoken of by some of the members of the County Council Committee; besides, there would be no saving to the consumer, even if a lower quality of gas was supplied at a cheaper rate.

(3) *That although there are* 4,000 *houses, shops, &c., in Blantyre, only* 1,800 *Meters are in use.*—Of the 4,039 items appearing on the Valuation Roll, 313 are subjects other than houses, shops, &c., where gas cannot be used, 233 houses are situated in outlying places where there are no gas mains, about 890 privately owned houses in which there are no internal gas fittings, besides about 509 miners' houses owned by colliery proprietors, leaving only about 300 houses with gas fittings where no gas is consumed, and many of those fittings are out of order. It may be stated here that, as promised, the Gas Company will make overtures with the colliery owners for a supply of gas being put into their houses.

(4) *Refusal to meet Representatives.*—The Directors still consider they were quite justified in refusing to meet the deputation, as they were certainly not representative of the ratepayers or consumers, having the mandate of a very small meeting, convened by private letter or circular, at the instance of the Co-operative Society.

(5) *Figures submitted by Mr. Sillar.*—These not being furnished to the Gas Company, no comments can be made. The Gas Company, like Mr. Sillar, would prefer, if there is to be a competitive Company, that it should be the County Council rather than the Hamilton Corporation, because the district would be benefited by the additional employment of labour, whereas this could not be were the gas made in Hamilton; and, again, if Hamilton one day was desirous of extending their boundaries, it might be advocated as a reason that they were already supplying gas, and even water, in the County area.

General.—The Directors feel certain the Parliamentary Bills Committee will be satisfied from the particulars here furnished that the statements submitted by the Ratepayers' Representatives were grossly exaggerated with regard to the price of gas, quality of gas, and more especially with reference to the (cute) assertion that some 2,200 odd houses in Blantyre didn't use gas, the real facts being, as already stated, 1,945 of the 4,000 mentioned are subjects, such as minerals, hoardings, &c., and houses in which no internal gas fittings exist. It is, therefore, claimed the Directors and the Company have not been quite so remiss in the prosecution of their undertaking as the petitioners would like to make out.

It is hoped the Committee, in considering the whole matter, will specially note the latter point, as this was one upon which they were very strong in the interview with the Gas Company Directors.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

A. B. MAXWELL,
Secretary.

26th June, 1912.

Copy Letter from Mr. Wm. S. Brown.

Giffnock,
By Glasgow, 1st June, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

I have yours of 30th ultimo with copy of representations made by the Gas Company, and herewith enclose reply on the matters of fact referred to in it.

The Manager gave me 32 millions as the annual make of gas. I had no means of checking them on the spot. I afterwards tried to check this by the Company's balance sheet, with the result shown in my report. He also gave me the information reported as to condition and size of pipes. I had no other means of getting this information.

On finding from the balance sheet the great discrepancy between the quantity of gas sold and paid for and the quantity said to be made, I sent my son (a qualified trained engineer) to call and see the Manager, and learn if there was no mistake. He visited the works, waited a considerable time, but the Manager did not appear. While waiting he went over the works, and, as I instructed him, examined the meter, and found it was not in operation. The meter house is a dirty little place, which I did not enter. I thought the Manager was not anxious for me to do so.

From the tenor of the Gas Company's representations, they appear to think that I find faults where I do not do so. I do not consider it a fault that purifiers and storage capacity should be excessive. Within certain limits this is very desirable.

I do not think it necessary to discuss the other matters referred to by the Gas Company.

Yours truly,

W. S. BROWN.

The Gas Company do not appear to understand my report as to leakage, and entirely misrepresent it. I now put it in another form :—

*Gas made,	32,250,000	at 3/4 per 1,000 ft.	is	£5,375 0 0	
Gas sold,	21,443,000	„	„	3,573 16 8	as per balance sheet.
Loss,	10,807,000	„	„	£1,801 3 4	

which is equal to 33¾ per cent. instead of 15 per cent. of gas made, and is much nearer to the figure the manager gave me (34 per cent.).

I find I misquoted the Bathgate figures. Their price is given as 2s. 11d. for ordinary consumers, 2s. 6d. for public, &c., and *average price 2s. 9d.*

*In the last published return, 1910, the Blantyre Company's make is stated at *32,250,000*.

Copy Report by Mr. Wm. S. Brown replying to Observations contained in Communication from Directors of Gas Company.

Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3.—My statement shows the adverse conditions under which the works have been extended, and is not finding fault with the management.

Paragraph 4 (spiral guided).—The small holder referred to is under quite different conditions to the new one. The tank is sunk to the *level of the ground*. When full the holder will be about 18 feet above ground. There was a quantity of stones and bricks on the crown, so as to give it increased pressure, and possibly to give it the same pressure as the large new holder.

New holder *tank is above ground*, and stands higher than top of small holder. It is a 3-lift holder. Only two have been erected. When full they will be about 60 feet above ground. The Manager told me it was cupped ready for adding the

third lift, which would add other 20 feet to its height. I asked him if he did not think it *would be incurring a great risk to do so. He agreed that it would,* and added that *as it was* he was very anxious about it during last winter's gales.

I should not like to be responsible for it.

The information regarding the pipes and faulty and defective joints was given me by the Manager in explanation of excessive loss of gas.

Paragraph 5.—On referring to my report you will find these details are based on the *information given me by the Manager,* and I *express doubt as to his figures.* It is now stated that the leakages is *only 15 per cent.* If this is correct, then the accounts indicate that about *25½ millions* (not 32) was made—15 per cent. is 3,825,000 feet, leaves 21,675,000, sold at 3s. 4d.=*£3,612 10s.*—the actual figure in accounts is *£3,573 16s. 8d.* Coal account is stated at £1,437 10s., equal to £56 per million feet made, which multiplied by 11 millions makes £616. My calculation was about £600.

While waiting for the Secretary, who was sent for, and who arrived some time after me, I received all the information I required from the Manager.

I spent more time in the works than was absolutely necessary.

While in the Retort House I saw the retorts drawn and recharged. The Manager explained that the setting was his father's, and he may be excused for thinking it has not been improved on. It appeared to me to be a slight variation on any early form of Hislop's setting.

This Retort House incident has apparently been forgotten.

I did not enter the Meter House. The meter is quite close to the doorway, which was open. I read the dial on passing to the holders, and again on my return. The hands had not moved.

I note it is *not denied* that the meter was not working.

It occurred to me afterwards that the meter, being out of order, would account for errors in the Manager's figures, as he could not know exactly how much gas he was making.

I regret the suggestion that I have been biassed in my report. The fact is to the contrary; being largely interested as a shareholder in a number of Gas Companies, I take the Company's point of view and made my report as favourable as the conditions admitted.

W. S. BROWN.

1st June, 1912.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

8th July, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Monday, 8th July, 1912, being a Meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

John Adam.
Robert G. Carson.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Alexander Hamilton.
Robert Lambie.
William Love.
William M. Marshall.
David K. Michie.
William Neilson.
Gavin A. Shanks.
William Sym.
Colonel King Stewart.
James C. Hope Vere.

Attending—

J. G. Kennedy, as representing Dr. Hill, Clerk to the Lower Ward District Committee.
Captain H. J. Despard, Chief Constable of the County.
Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.
W. S. Bruce, Sanitary Inspector for the Lower Ward District.
Peter Rintoul, C.A., County Auditor.

Chairman.

In the absence of Mr. Scott, chairman of the committee, Colonel King Stewart was appointed chairman of the meeting.

Glasgow Boundaries Bill.—Minutes of Advisory Sub-Committee.

The minutes of the Advisory Sub-Committee appointed in regard to Glasgow Boundaries Bill, of date 26th June last (Appendix), having been submitted, were approved of.

Glasgow Boundaries Bill.—Report by Clerk.

With regard to the negotiations which had taken place in London in connection with the Glasgow Boundaries Bill the Clerk reported as follows:—

"Members of the sub-committee attended the enquiry before the House of Lords Committee, presided over by Lord Kintore. The proceedings took a normal course until the second witness for the Corporation was under cross-examination, when the chairman intervened with a suggestion that the case was one for compromise. The position is explained by the following references from the print of the official proceedings:—

1441. The CHAIRMAN—Have you tried to settle it amicably this time with Renfrew and Lanark?—We have not got that length yet, my Lord.

1442. But you have got that length with Dunbarton?—We have settled with Dunbarton.

1443. Because I was going at the end of your cross-examination to say that I am sure you will adopt the principle of agreeing with your adversary if you can, and if you have not made a serious effort to agree with the Counties of Lanark and Renfrew, I think your Counsel should make that effort, and if you are agreeable to come to reasonable terms, I should like to be informed of the terms, and whether the offer has been refused or not?—We have not got that length until we know absolutely how much we are to get, but Sir Charles Renshaw and myself happened to be the two individuals representing the County of Renfrew and the City of Glasgow who initialed and agreed to the compensation given in 1891.

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Mr. BALFOUR BROWNE—I have heard what your Lordship was good enough to say just before the adjournment. Of course we value your suggestion, and will at once put ourselves in communication with the representatives of the County of Lanark and the County of Renfrew, but, as your Lordship will understand, the suggestion you made could not be carried out at once. In fact, my learned friend, Mr. Ram, for the County of Renfrew, tells me that Sir Charles Renshaw, who really acts for the County, is not in town, and, therefore, I must ask for a little indulgence before saying anything upon it; but, as far as we are concerned, we will attempt to make friends with our enemies in the way your Lordship suggests.

Mr. J. D. FITZGERALD—I was not in the room when your Lordship made the suggestion, and I have not had the opportunity of seeing the representatives of the County of Lanark since then; but I have no doubt whatever that any offer or proposal made by Glasgow will be most carefully considered by the Counties' representatives, and that they will discuss it with the representatives of Glasgow.

The CHAIRMAN—What I wanted to ascertain was whether any effort to come together had yet been made; and, if not, to say that it should be made as soon as possible, and that you should let me know the result.

Prior to the first intimation by the chairman a suggestion for a friendly and informal meeting had emanated from members of the Corporation. Such a meeting took place immediately after the chairman's first remark, and it was proceeding when Mr. Fitzgerald intervened. It resulted in certain suggestions for a settlement being discussed, but no definite conclusion was arrived at.

Repeated and prolonged meetings of the sub-committee took place during several days thereafter, when all aspects of the case were fully considered, the advice of Counsel being from time to time taken and reported. Numerous meetings between representatives of the Corporation and of the sub-committee also took place, and the results were duly reported to the sub-committee.

At more than one stage of the proceedings before the committee the chairman granted adjournments to enable the several parties interested to continue their negotiations, and at the last adjournment the following statements were made:—

Mr. Balfour Browne—My Lords, you were good enough yesterday to grant an adjournment in order that negotiations might take place. They have taken place, and, I am sorry to say, are still going on. I hope sincerely that they may result in an agreement between Glasgow and the counties of Lanark and Renfrew; but, as your Lordships will understand, the representatives of those counties here have, naturally, to consult friends in Scotland. I believe it would be for the convenience of all parties, and I believe it would ultimately shorten the proceedings very much if your Lordships will be good enough to adjourn this case until Wednesday next. I am sorry to ask the indulgence, my Lord; but you can undestand that there are a great number of intricate matters to be considered between the counties and the Corporation. I would not ask it if I thought there was no prospect of a settlement. I ask it because I believe probably a settlement will be arrived at before Wednesday next. I think my learned friends who represent the counties will say that, in their opinion, the course I suggest is convenient too. I would also say that if that adjournment took place in reference to the counties, in my view it would be absurd to go on fighting with the burghs at this juncture, and I believe—I do not know, but the burghs are represented here—they would also ask your Lordships to adjourn their cases until Wednesday next.

The Chairman—Then what do Counsel say?

Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald—Speaking for the County of Lanark, I agree that an adjournment may be beneficial; and I think at the present stage it is better I should not say anything more. As far as the Burgh of Govan is concerned, I raise no objection whatever to the adjournment, of course it being understood that their case is not prejudiced in any way by the adjournment.

Mr. Ram—On behalf of the County of Renfrew, my attitude is exactly the same as that of my learned friend, Mr. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Hutchinson—With regard to what my learned friend, Mr. Fitzgerald, said to you on behalf of Govan, my attitude for Partick is exactly the same.

The Chairman—I am sure that their Lordships will share my satisfaction that, at any rate as far as you have gone, there seems a fair prospect of an agreed settlement being arrived at. We have had sufficient experience of committees of this House to lead one always to hope that such arrangements should be come to whenever possible.

The position, as I understand it, here is this: that the City Council of Glasgow seeks authority to extend its limits. Assuming this request is found reasonable, and that they do attach, apart from Dunbarton, these parts of the counties, and Partick and Govan, it follows that expansion is only possible at the expense of the more valuable parts of the adjoining counties of Lanark and Renfrew. No complaint by the promoters of dereliction of duties has been made, or can be made, against the authorities of those counties; and I think it further follows that, in justice to them, compensation, territorial or financial, or both, should be made by Glasgow before it is authorised to annex them.

I am also anxious to be certain that the heavy costs of fighting this Bill through both Houses of Parliament, totalling, I dare say, a great many thousands of pounds, should not in the end be thrown upon truncated counties, the most valuable portions of whose rating areas have been severed.

We will adjourn till Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, and I hope you will be able to settle by then.

Eventually it was agreed to remit to the sub-committee, consisting of the Convener of the County, the Chairman of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, and Mr. Speirs, to continue negotiations with the Corporation, with powers to negotiate a settlement. That sub-committee had several prolonged meetings with the Corporation, and, having discussed the matter in all its bearings, agreed to take the advice of Counsel as to the expediency of accepting certain proposals beyond which the Corporation, after much discussion and under every pressure that the sub-committee

could bring to bear, indicated they were not prepared to go. Counsel were asked to specially consider the fact that the County Council had had as yet no opportunity of putting their case before the committee, and to advise as to the expediency of insisting upon this in view of the apparent strong desire of the committee to bring about a friendly settlement.

Counsel having given their opinion, the sub-committee again met with the Corporation, and stated that they were prepared to accept a settlement on the basis of conceding to the Corporation South Govan area less the lands of Deanside, the Tollcross area and the Shettleston area south of but excluding the North British Railway line to Hamilton, the whole of the remainder of the area asked for to remain as part of the County, and adequate financial compensation to be made to the County Council.

They further stated, however, that they felt that before finally agreeing they should submit the recommendation to the Parliamentary Bills Committee, which is accordingly now done."

Meeting disagrees with recommendation of sub-committee. — Appointment of new sub-committee.

The meeting, after discussion, were agreed that the recommendation of the sub-committee should not be approved, and the meeting thereafter appointed the following sub-committee to continue negotiations with the Glasgow Corporation, with full powers, viz. :—

John Adam.	John D. Scott.
George Fraser.	William Speirs.
David K. Michie.	Colonel King Stewart.

The Clerk stated that the Corporation of Glasgow had indicated that they would be glad to meet the sub-committee that afternoon.

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GLASGOW BOUNDARIES BILL.

26th June, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 26th June, 1912, being a Meeting of the Advisory Sub-Committee and Members of the Council and District Committee appointed as Witnesses in connection with the Glasgow Boundaries Bill.

Present—

John Adam.
A. H. J. Briggs.
R. G. Carson.
William Davie.
George Fraser.
Robert Lambie.
William Love.
William M. Marshall.
John D. Scott.
William Speirs.
John Wheatley.

Chairman. Mr. Scott in the chair.

Discussion as to possibility of arrangement being come to with Glasgow. The meeting having discussed the possibility of an arrangement being come to with Glasgow which might obviate further opposition by the County Council, continued the matter for further consideration, and meantime instructed the Clerk to advise the members of the sub-committee and the witnesses as to when their attendance in London would be required.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 24th July, 1912, being a meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 24th July, 1912.

Present—

JOHN ADAM.
JAMES ANDERSON.
Colonel BUCHANAN.
ROBERT G. CARSON.
JAMES H. FENTON.
GEORGE FRASER.
ALEXANDER HAMILTON.
JAMES HAMILTON HOULDSWORTH.
ROBERT LAMBIE.
WILLIAM LOVE.
WILLIAM M. MARSHALL.
WILLIAM NEILSON.
JOHN D. SCOTT.
GAVIN A. SHANKS.
WILLIAM SPEIRS.
Colonel KING STEWART.
WILLIAM SYM.
WILLIAM TEMPLETON.
JAMES TONNER.

Attending—

W. E. WHYTE, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.
J. G. KENNEDY, as representing Dr. Hill, Clerk to the District Committee of the Lower Ward.

Mr. John D. Scott, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 8th instant, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The minutes of the Special Sub-Committee appointed in connection with the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, of date 8th July (Appendix), were submitted. *Minutes of Special Sub-Committee on Glasgow Boundaries Bill.*

Under reference to the last meeting of the committee, the chairman reported the further negotiations in regard to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill which had taken place between representatives of the Corporation of Glasgow and of the County Sub Committee with a view to a settlement being arrived at, with the result that an understanding, the nature of which he explained, had been come to, and reported to the chairman of the House of Lords Committee, who gave effect to it. *Glasgow Boundaries Bill.—Decision.*

As showing the result of the decision of the House of Lords Committee, as compared with the original proposals of the Corporation of Glasgow and the proposals of the Bill as amended by the House of Commons Committee, the Clerk submitted the following statement, viz. :—

	Asked for by Glasgow.	Granted by Commons Committee.	Granted by Lords Committee.
Valuation, ...	£224,326	£187,460	£118,000 or 52 per cent.
Population, ...	45,203	41,503	29,200 or 64 per cent.
Acreage, ...	8,695	7,453	1,710 or 19 per cent.

LOWER WARD.

	At present.	Annexed to City.	Leaving in County.
Valuation, ...	£332,286	£118,000	£214,286 or 64 per cent.
Population, ...	56,874	29,200	27,674 or 49 per cent.
Acreage, ...	26,591	1,710	24,881 or 93 per cent.

The Clerk further stated that the amount of compensation to be paid by the Corporation of Glasgow to the County in respect of the extension of the city, was £82,500, including expenses, and he indicated generally the nature of the other arrangements that had been made. *Compensation paid by Corporation to County.*

Appreciation of services rendered by County Clerk and staff.

On the motion of Mr. Neilson, it was agreed to record in the minutes an expression of the committee's appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Munro and members of his staff in connection with the Council's opposition to this Bill.

The committee remitted to the following sub-committee, with power, to make such recognition of the special services of the County Clerk and of the staff on this occasion as they might consider proper, viz. :—

John Adam.
George Fraser.
William Neilson.
John D. Scott.
William Speirs.
Colonel King Stewart.

Lanark County Tramways.—Report by Clerk.

Under reference to the minutes of the Advisory Sub-Committee on Tramways, of date 12th June last, the Clerk reported that along with Mr. J. D. Scott, and Mr. Whyte, he had had a meeting in London with representatives of the Burghs of Hamilton, Motherwell, and Wishaw, when matters had been satisfactorily adjusted between them.

He also reported that the negotiations with the Railway Companies and other Petitioners had been satisfactory, and that arrangements had been come to with all of the Petitioners; that their opposition had been withdrawn, and that the Bill would proceed as an unopposed measure. He further stated that the Bill would come before the Committee on Unopposed Bills to-morrow; that it would be necessary for him to attend in order to prove the Preamble; and that, accordingly, he, along with Mr. Scott, chairman of this committee, and Mr. Whyte, District Clerk, proposed to leave for London to-night. The meeting approved.

Clyde Valley Electrical Power Order.—Report by Clerk.

With reference to the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Order, the Clerk reported that after prolonged negotiations and interviews with the Scottish Office on the subject, the Secretary for Scotland had agreed to the period for the repayment of sums borrowed by the County Council for repayment to the Company being fixed at 25 years, and for the payment of interest on sums due to the Company at the date of the agreement being defrayed during the current and the next 2 years out of the General Purposes rate to be levied within the respective lighting districts named in the agreement.

The Clerk stated that, while he considered that the period for repayment of borrowed money might have been extended to 30 years as contended for by him, the reduction to 25 years would have to be acquiesced in. The meeting approved.

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SUB-COMMITTEE *RE* GLASGOW BOUNDARIES BILL.

8th July, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the Central Station Hotel, there, on Monday, 8th July, 1912, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed that day by the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark in regard to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill.

Present—

John Adam.	David K. Michie.
George Fraser.	Colonel King Stewart.

Colonel King Stewart in the chair. *Chairman.*

The meeting having discussed certain proposals with a view to a settlement with the Glasgow Corporation, the members thereafter met with the Glasgow Corporation sub-committee in the City Chambers—Lord Provost Stevenson presiding. *Meeting with Sub-Committee of Glasgow Corporation.*

Colonel King Stewart having stated that on the matter being fully considered by the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council, the proposals which had been tentatively agreed to by the sub-committee in London had not been approved by the committee, and he indicated other proposals which were now put forward with a view to an amicable arrangement being come to. *Statement by Convener of County.*

The Corporation sub-committee having by themselves considered these proposals, the Lord Provost stated that they could not see their way to agree to them, but that the Corporation were still willing to agree to a settlement on the lines suggested at the meeting in London. *Corporation unwilling to agree to new proposals of County.*

After further discussion, the representatives of the County withdrew without any settlement being arrived at, the understanding, however, being that negotiations would be continued in London. *Negotiations to be continued in London.*

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

2nd October, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 2nd October, 1912, being a Meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark

Present—

John Adam.	W. M. Marshall.
James Anderson.	William Neilson.
George Fraser.	John D. Scott.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Speirs.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.	Colonel King Stewart.
Robert Lambie.	William Sym.
William Love.	William Templeton.

James C. Hope Vere.

Chairman. Mr. Scott, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 24th July, 1912, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Lanark County Tramways.—Minutes of sub-committee. The Clerk reported the proceedings of a meeting of the sub-committee appointed in connection with the Lanark County Tramways Bill held that day, all as set forth in the minutes of meeting, which form an appendix hereto. The meeting approved thereof.

Lanarkshire County Council Provisional Order.—Statement by Clerk. With reference to the Lanarkshire County Council Provisional Order, the Clerk reported that he had some time ago adjusted the terms of the Order with the Scottish Office, and that, accompanied by the Convener, he had formally proved the Preamble on 29th July last. He reminded the meeting of the circumstances which that Order was intended to meet, and indicated that, notwithstanding the recent inclusion of a part of County territory within the City of Glasgow, the provisions of the Order might still be of advantage in connection with the readjustment of the County Council Electoral Divisions and Parish Wards in the Lower Ward district. The meeting agreed that the Order should therefore not be withdrawn meantime pending further consideration of the whole question.

It was agreed to recommend the County Council that it be remitted to a Joint-Committee, consisting of the members of the Parliamentary Bills Committee and of the Finance Committee, to consider and report in regard to matters arising out of the recent City of Glasgow Extension Act and as to any changes which it may be necessary or advisable to make consequent upon the extension of the City of Glasgow, and also to consider any proposals for an alteration of Electoral Divisions or Parish Wards in other parts of the County.

Glasgow Water Charges Bill. The Clerk having made a statement with regard to the possibility of the Glasgow Water (Charges) Bill being reintroduced, the meeting agreed that in the event of any of the other outside authorities deciding to take further action in the direction indicated the proposal should be again brought before the committee.

Temperance (Scotland) Bill. — Communication from Town-Clerk, Glasgow, as to retention of Club Clauses. The Clerk laid before the meeting a communication, of date 19th ultimo, which he had received from the Town-Clerk of Glasgow, transmitting copy of a resolution adopted by the Corporation in favour of the retention of the club clauses in the Temperance (Scotland) Bill, and requesting that the matter be considered by the County Council with a view, if so agreed, of presenting a petition to Parliament in favour of the retention of the club clauses.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed to allow the communication to lie on the table.

Robroyston Estate. — Communication from Lord Provost of Glasgow.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting correspondence which had passed between the Lord Provost of Glasgow and him with regard to certain proposals of the Corporation with respect to the erection of a hospital at Robroyston and to the promotion of a Town Planning scheme for the Hogganfield area, and to certain meetings which had taken place in London when reference had been made to these proposals.

The meeting approved of the Clerk's reply to the Lord Provost, stating that if and when a hospital is erected at Robroyston the Council would favourably consider the question of its site, with sufficient area for amenity, being annexed to Glasgow if that was desired by the Corporation, and that as regards the proposed Town Planning scheme at Hogganfield the County Council would be willing to co-operate with the Corporation in the manner set forth in the Housing and Town Planning Act.

Appreciation of services rendered by Mr. J. D. Scott.

The business of the meeting having been disposed of, the chairman stated that, as this would probably be the last opportunity he would have of being present at a meeting of this committee, he desired to express the pleasure which he had had in being associated with the individual members of the committee in connection with the Parliamentary work of the County, and his thanks for the support which they had always extended to him as chairman of the committee.

The Convener stated that he was sure the members of the committee regretted that the long connection which Mr. Scott had with County affairs was about to be severed, and that they appreciated very highly his services as chairman of that committee.

Mr. Neilson, Mr. Speirs, and Mr. Hope Vere having associated themselves with the expressions of the Convener, the committee unanimously agreed to place on record their high appreciation of Mr. Scott's services, their regret at the termination of his connection with the County Council, and their good wishes for his success in his new sphere.

APPENDIX.

LANARK COUNTY TRAMWAYS.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 2nd October, 1912, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark, and of representatives of the District Committee of the Middle Ward, on the Lanark County Tramways Bill. 2nd October, 1912.

Present—

W. L. Dyer.	William Neilson.
George Fraser.	John D. Scott.
Alexander Hamilton.	Colonel King Stewart.
Robert Lambie.	Wm. Sym.
W. M. Marshall.	William Templeton.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.

Chairman.

Mr. Scott, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Lanark County Tramways Act submitted.

There was laid before the meeting a copy of the Lanark County Tramways Act as amended in committee.

Construction of tramways.—Remit to sub-committee.

The Clerk explained that the County Council were now empowered to proceed with the construction of the uncompleted portion of the tramways which were authorised by the Company's Order of 1903, with the addition of the two extensions (*a*) between Daldowie and Bellshill, and (*b*) from Holytown eastwards, and stated that he had been in communication with the Manager of the Tramways Company, who informed him that the Company were prepared to commence at once with the construction of the lines, and as relative thereto he submitted plans of the proposed lines, which had been prepared by the Company.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed to recommend that the laying down of the tramway lines from New Stevenston to Uddingston should be proceeded with as soon as possible; that an arrangement should be entered into with the Company for the execution of the work; and, further, that it be remitted to the following sub-committee to confer with the Directors of the Tramway Company with a view to the commencement of the work at as early a date as possible, viz. :—

George Fraser.
Alexander Hamilton.
Robert Lambie.
W. M. Marshall.
William Neilson.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Templeton.

Mr. Neilson to be chairman of the sub-committee, and two a quorum.

Construction of lines other than those authorised by 1903 Order.

With regard to the question of the construction of the lines other than those authorised by the 1903 Order, the meeting agreed that consideration of these should meantime be delayed.

Honorarium to Mr. W. E. Whyte.

The Clerk stated that he desired to take an opportunity of expressing his indebtedness to Mr. W. E. Whyte, District Clerk of the Middle Ward, for the assistance which he had given him in connection with the promotion of the Tramways Bill and the negotiations which had taken place in London on the subject of it. The meeting expressed their appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Whyte, and unanimously agreed that he be paid an honorarium of fifty guineas in respect thereof.

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 29th May, 1912, being a meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 29th May, 1912.

Present—

Colonel Buchanan.
Alexander Hamilton.
John Loudon.
Andrew Mitchell.
William Neilson.
William Speirs.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
James C. Hope Vere.

Attending—

Captain Despard, Chief Constable of the County.

Colonel Buchanan, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 1st May, which had been submitted to and approved by the County Council, except so far as regards the proposed by-laws in the matter of places for public refreshment and procession of bands, &c., were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

With regard to the proposed by-laws regulating the hours of opening and closing of places for public refreshment, the Clerk submitted the following additional communications which he had received on the subject, viz. :— *Proposed by-laws as to places for public refreshment. — Communication received.*

(1) Mrs. Caldwell, Cleland, on behalf of the British Women's Temperance Association, representing in favour of entire closing on Sundays and not later than 10 o'clock on week days.

(2) Holytown U.F. Session, the purport of which was to the same effect as the foregoing communication.

The meeting, after consideration, saw no reason to make any alteration on the by-laws as already agreed to be submitted to the County Council.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the following further communications which he had received in connection with the operation of the Shops Act, 1912, viz. :— *Shops Act, 1912. — Communications received.*

(1) Petition by Hairdressers' Association in Bellshill and District (including New Stevenston) in favour of Wednesday being fixed as the weekly half-holiday.

(2) Letter from Messrs. Thomas Maxwell & Son, Douglas, of date 8th May, stating that there existed in the district a difference of opinion amongst shopkeepers as to whether Wednesday or Thursday should be adopted as the weekly half-holiday.

(3) Petition by merchants in Leadhills District containing 12 signatures in favour of exemption from the provisions of the Act with respect to a weekly half-holiday during the summer months, *i.e.*, June, July, August, and September.

(4) Letter from John Menzies & Co., Ltd., Edinburgh, of date 2nd May, making application of exemption from the provisions of the Act during the months of June, July, August, and September, in respect of their book-stall at Symington Station.

(5) Petition by Merchants' Association of Crawford in favour of Thursday being fixed as the weekly half-holiday.

(6) Letter from Mr. Allan Colthart, Crawford, of date 9th May, calling attention to the prevalence of hawking on the day selected by shopkeepers as their weekly half-holiday, and asking that steps be taken to stop the practice.

(7) Petition by certain shopkeepers in Cambuslang representing against the proposal for an Order fixing a weekly half-holiday.

(8) Communication from a Committee of Cambuslang shopkeepers explaining the steps which were taken to ascertain the views of the shopkeepers in the district in regard to the weekly half-holiday.

Exemptions during summer months granted to shopkeepers at Leadhills, &c.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed that the request made by the shopkeepers at Leadhills and by Messrs. John Menzies & Co., Ltd., for exemption from the provisions of the Act with respect to a weekly half-holiday during the summer months should be granted.

Remit to sub-committee as to appointment of inspectors, &c.

Consideration of the other communications above referred to was continued, and the meeting remitted to the following sub-committee to consider and report as to the question of the appointment of Inspectors under the Act, the delimitation of areas within which Orders relating to the weekly half-holiday and general closing orders should operate, and any other matters which fall to be dealt with under the Act, viz. :—

Colonel Buchanan.
Alexander Hamilton.
William Neilson.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.

Colonel Buchanan to be chairman of the sub-committee, and two a quorum.

Cinematograph Act, 1909—Application by Mr. Andrew J. Thomson for hall in Larkhall.

With reference to the application by Mr. Andrew J. Thomson for a licence for the Hall at the rear of the Clydesdale Bar, 10 Wellgate Street, Larkhall, which had been continued from last meeting, the Clerk having read reports by the Engineer and the police, the meeting, after consideration, refused to grant a licence.

Application by Mr. M. Burns for hall in Cleland.

An application having been submitted from Mr. M. Burns, Armadale, for a licence in respect of the Co-operative Hall, Cleland, together with report by the Engineer thereon, the meeting instructed the Clerk to issue a licence for one year, provided that the outside door was altered so as to open outwards.

Application by Mr. George A. D. Warren for transfer of licence of hall at Strathaven.

The Clerk submitted an application, of date 9th May, by Mr. George A. D. Warren, Rutherglen, for transfer of the licence held by Mr. Peter Barilone in respect of the Hall at the Crown Hotel, Strathaven, which had been let to him by the proprietor. A letter, dated 15th May, from Mr. Warren was also read, stating that Mr. Barilone refused to give up the licence. The Clerk reported that he had written Mr. Barilone asking if he had any objection to the proposed transfer, but that no reply had been received.

The meeting, after consideration, and in view of the fact that Mr. Barilone was no longer occupier of the premises in question, instructed the Clerk to issue a new licence to Mr. Warren for the remaining period of Mr. Barilone's licence.

Plans of new hall at Shotts.

The Clerk submitted a letter from Mr. James Cowie, Architect, Wishaw, dated 26th May, enclosing plans of a proposed new Picture Theatre at Shotts.

After explanations by the Engineer, the meeting instructed the Clerk to inform Mr. Cowie that the Committee had no observations to make in regard to the plans except to say that it would be desirable if the step at the inner door in the vestibule at the main entrance could be done away with, as, in the opinion of the committee, it might be a hindrance to the safe and speedy egress of the audience in the event of panic.

Alleged contravention of Act by Messrs. Stark & Steele.

The Clerk reported that he had been informed that entertainments had been given without a licence in the Co-operative Hall, Cleland, by Messrs. Thomas B. Stark and William Steele, Fauldhouse, and read a report by the police, of date 27th May. He also reminded the committee that a licence had been granted on 20th December last, on condition that the outside door was altered to open outwards, but as this condition was not implemented, no licence had been issued.

The meeting, after consideration, instructed the Clerk to transmit the information to the Procurator Fiscal with a view to proceedings being taken.

Intimation of occasional entertainments.

The Clerk reported that, since the date of last meeting, he had received intimations from Mr. Peter Swallow that he proposed to give cinematograph entertainments in his portable structure at Coalburn on 11th, and Lesmahagow on 21st May.

17th July, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 17th July, 1912, being a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

Colonel Buchanan.	William Sym.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.	William Speirs.
Alexander Hamilton.	Colonel King Stewart.
William Neilson.	James Tonner.

Colonel Buchanan, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Chairman.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Notice calling the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 29th May, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved and signed.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the sub-committee appointed with reference to the Shops Act, 1912 (Appendix), of date 12th June, which had also been printed and a copy sent to each member of the committee, were submitted.

Minutes of Sub-Committee re Shops Act.

As relative to these minutes, the Clerk laid before the meeting a Register, which with the assistance of the police he had prepared showing the addresses, trades, and names of the occupiers of all shops within the County, the Register being made up according to parishes.

Register of shops.

The meeting, after consideration, unanimously approved of the recommendations of the sub-committee, and instructed the Clerk to give the required notice of intention to make Orders relating to a weekly half-holiday with respect to the Parishes of Carluke and Lesmahagow, and the Middle Ward District of the County, and remitted to the sub-committee, with full powers, to take such further steps as may be necessary to carry the proposals into effect.

Orders relating to weekly half holiday.

The meeting thereafter agreed to appoint, and hereby appoint, in terms of Section 13 of the Shops Act, 1912, the following persons to be Inspectors under the Act, with power to institute and carry on any proceedings under the Act on behalf of the Local Authority, viz. :—

Robert MacNaughton, County Offices, Hamilton.
Charles M'Ara, County Offices, Hamilton.
Frank MacArthur, County Offices, Hamilton.
Duncan James Black, County Offices, Hamilton.

Appointment of Inspectors.

The Clerk reported that, after consultation with Dr. Wilson, it had been agreed to recommend the committee that Mr. Duncan James Black, who had been a Clerk in the County Offices for the past six years, should be appointed an Inspector under the Act, and under the Rivers Pollution and Food and Drugs Acts, at a commencing salary of £85. The committee approved of the recommendation.

Telegraph and telephone facilities in Forth District.
Letter from General Post Office, Edinburgh.

Under reference to the minutes of the committee, of date 21st February, the Clerk submitted a letter which he had received from the Secretary of the General Post Office, Edinburgh, which was in the following terms :—

"General Post Office,
"Edinburgh, 28th June, 1912.

"SIR,

"With reference to your letter of the 15th March last, I am directed by the Postmaster-General to inform you that the question of establishing a telegraph office at Forth has received careful consideration; but as it is estimated that the revenue from telegraph business would not pay the working expenses, he is precluded by Treasury Regulations from sanctioning the extension, except under guarantee.

"The guarantee would be for seven years.

"If the necessary wayleaves over the route in respect of which the calculations have been made were not withheld when applied for by the department, the expenses would be £38 a year.

"The instrument used would be a telephone or such other telegraph instrument as might be found suitable.

"The revenue would be calculated on the actual receipts (exclusive of porterage) from telegrams handed in at the office for transmission to other parts of the United Kingdom; and if, as the department has reason to expect, these receipts did not equal £38 a year, one-third of the deficiency would have to be paid by the guarantors. The other two-thirds would be borne by the department.

"It may be convenient to give an example. If the receipts in any year were £20, the account for that year would work out thus :—

Expenses, ...	£38	0	0
Revenue, ...	20	0	0
Deficiency, ...	£18	0	0

"In this case at the end of the year the guarantors would pay £6, being one-third of the deficiency.

"The guarantors could not in any year be called upon to pay more than one-third of the expenses, viz., £12 13s. 4d.

"If you think a guarantee will be forthcoming, the Postmaster-General will be glad to cause a draft agreement to be sent to you.

"I am, SIR,

"Your obedient Servant,

"J. STEEDMAN,
"*for Secretary.*"

Telephone facilities only wanted.

The Clerk stated that he had sent a copy of this letter to Colonel Logan, from whom he submitted a reply, stating that the offer of the Post Office to establish a telegraph office at Forth was a repetition of one formerly made and declined, and that what was really wanted was the connecting up by telephone of Carnwath and Forth *via* Braehead.

Clerk to again communicate with Post Office.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed that a further communication be made to the Postmaster-General in accordance with the view indicated by Colonel Logan.

Communications from Post Office re closing of certain post offices on weekly half-holiday.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the following communications, viz. :—

(1) Postmaster, Coatbridge, stating that it was proposed in connection with the Shops Act to close the Chryston, Hallside, and Glenboig Post Offices at 1 o'clock on Wednesdays, and

(2) Postmaster, Glasgow, stating that it was proposed to suspend on Wednesdays the evening delivery of letters in Baillieston and Cambuslang districts in order that the postmen might participate in the weekly half-holiday.

and enquiring in each case whether the County Council had any objections to offer.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed to offer no objections, but to recommend that the Post Office Authorities should give at least a fortnight's public notice of the proposed alterations of the postal arrangements.

King Edward Memorial.—Agreed to appeal for contributions to fund.

With reference to the proposed King Edward Memorial, the Clerk laid before the meeting a communication from the Town-Clerk of Glasgow, of date 7th June, enclosing copy of the minute of meeting of representatives held at Glasgow on 31st May, together with a form of appeal, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed that an appeal should be made to the inhabitants of the County for contributions to the fund, and remitted to the Convener of the County, the Chairman of the Committee, and the Clerk to adjust the terms of the appeal.

Cinematograph Act, 1909.—Transfer of licence of Public Hall, Larkhall, to Mr Percy E. Randle.

The meeting, on the application of Mr. Percy E. Randle, Glasgow, agreed to transfer to his name the licence, under the Cinematograph Act, of the Public Hall, Larkhall, the present licensee having intimated that he had no objection.

Transfer of licence of Pryde's Hall, Glengowan, to Mr. J. A. M'Queen.

The Clerk submitted a letter, of date 3rd June, from Mr. J. A. M'Queen, Glasgow, applying for transfer of the licence of Pryde's Hall, Glengowan, and reported that the present holder of the licence, Mr. Terence P. M'Cafferty, had been advised of the application, but had made no reply.

The meeting instructed the Clerk to transfer the licence on being satisfied that Mr. M'Cafferty had given up his tenancy of the hall.

Plans of proposed alterations to Bellshill Electric Theatre.

There was submitted letter, of date 27th June, from Mr. John Wilson, architect, Motherwell, enclosing plans of alterations proposed to be made on the Bellshill Electric Theatre.

The meeting, having considered the plans, were of opinion that the incline of the floor as proposed was rather steep, and remitted to the Engineer to endeavour to arrange the matter with Mr. Wilson, and to report to next meeting.

Plans of new picture theatre at Carluke.

The Clerk laid before the meeting letters from Mr. John Stewart, joiner, Carluke, enclosing plans of new picture theatre proposed to be erected at Carluke, and application for licence by Mr. Michael Burns in respect of the premises,

The meeting, after consideration, instructed the Clerk to inform Mr. Stewart that they had no objection to the plans, and that, provided the building was erected in accordance therewith, and a satisfactory report by the Engineer received after their completion, a licence would be issued.

Intimations of entertainments.

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting he had received intimation of the following exhibitions in movable structures, viz. :—

Peter Swallow, at	Kirkmuirhill,	...	...	on	4th June, 1912.
„	„ Strathaven,	...	...	„	19th „
T. Paulo,	„ Holytown, ...	...	...	„	20th „
George Green,	„ Larkhall, ...	...	...	„	21st „
„	„ Shotts,	...	...	„	1st July, 1912.

Suggested amendment of Act and Regulations.

Under reference to the minutes of the committee, of date 3rd April last, the Clerk reported that he had written to the Secretary for Scotland, suggesting that the Act and Regulations should be amended so as to empower the licensing authority of the area in which an exhibition is given to impose on the licensee such additional conditions as they think fit, notwithstanding that the licence was granted by another authority, and he submitted and read the reply which had been received from the Scottish Office, dated 10th July.

The meeting considered the reply did not dispose of the difficulty, and instructed the Clerk to again communicate with the Secretary for Scotland on the subject.

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Case of Stark and Steele, Cleland.

The Clerk reported that, as instructed at the last meeting of the committee, he had transmitted to the Procurator-Fiscal the police information in the case of Thomas B. Stark and William Steel, but that, owing to the difficulty of proving that inflammable films had been used at the entertainmants, the Procurator-Fiscal had thought it inadvisable to take proceedings.

Case of Michael Burns.

There was submitted police information against Mr. Michael Burns, Armadale, for having given exhibitions in the Co-operative Hall, Cleland, without a licence, but in respect that the conditions laid down by the committee had been complied with, and that it was merely an omission on the part of Mr. Burns to obtain possession of the licence, it was agreed that no proceedings be taken.

Renewal of licence of Orange Hall, Bellshill.

The Clerk submitted application by Mr. William G. Black, Bellshill, dated 16th June, for the renewal of the licence of the Orange Hall, Bellshill.

The meeting considered that an outside enclosure and another exit would be desirable in the case of this hall, and instructed the Engineer to communicate with the Orange Hall Trustees with a view to the suggested improvements being carried out, and meantime delayed the renewal of the licence.

APPENDIX.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE *RE* SHOPS ACT, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 12th June, 1912, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the General Purposes Committee appointed with reference to the Shops Acts, 1912. — 12th June, 1912.

Present—

Colonel BUCHANAN.	WILLIAM NEILSON.
ALEXANDER HAMILTON.	WILLIAM SYM.

Colonel Buchanan, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting an excerpt from the minutes of the General Purposes Committee, of date 29th May, 1912, containing a remit to the sub-committee. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting notes which he had prepared for the information of the sub-committee, a copy of which forms an appendix to this minute. — *Notes by Clerk*

The meeting having considered the lines which should be followed in the making of Orders for a weekly half-holiday, agreed, having regard to the practical unanimity amongst shopkeepers in the Middle Ward District in selecting Wednesday for the weekly half-holiday, to recommend that an Order fixing that day should be made applicable throughout the whole of the Middle Ward. — *Applications for Orders relating to weekly half-holiday.—Middle Ward.*

With regard to the Upper Ward, the meeting agreed to recommend that the applications from the Merchants' Associations of Carluke and Lesmahagow be acceded to, that the Parish be the area in each case, and that as regards the applications from other places in the Upper Ward, the Committee refrain meantime from making Orders, leaving it to each shopkeeper to fix his own day for the half-holiday in terms of the Act. — *Upper Ward.*

The meeting continued for consideration the applications received from places in the Lower Ward for Orders relating to the weekly half-holiday, and also for General Closing Orders. — *Lower Ward.*

The meeting having proceeded to consider the applications received from :—

(1) Baillieston,,

(2) Cambuslang, and

(3) Shotts,

for General Closing Orders, agreed that the proposals submitted by the respective Merchants' Associations be given effect to so far as possible.

Instruction to Clerk to take steps to ascertain opinion of shopkeepers.

The meeting also agreed that the Clerk should proceed to take the necessary steps with the object of ascertaining the views of the shopkeepers, in the several areas affected by the proposed Orders, in respect of a weekly half-holiday, and also as to the proposals for General Closing Orders.

Proposed appointment of Inspectors under the Act.—Recommendation.

The meeting having considered the question of the appointment of Inspectors under the Act, and having consulted the County Medical Officer in regard to the matter, agreed to recommend that the present Inspectors under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts be appointed Inspectors in connection with the administration of the Shops Act, 1912, and that there be appointed an additional Inspector, who would also be an Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts and perform such additional duties as the Council might consider it necessary for him to undertake.

17th July, 1912.

APPENDIX.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SHOPS ACT, 1912.

NOTES PREPARED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER AND REPORT ON THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND ON QUESTIONS OF PROCEDURE AND OTHER POINTS.

The main purposes of the Act may be stated to be—

1. To provide a weekly half-holiday for shop assistants.
2. To regulate the conditions of their employment and intervals for meals.
3. To regulate the hours of employment of young persons (*i.e.*, persons under 18 years of age).
4. To make provision for seats for female shop assistants.
5. To provide for the closing of shops for the serving of customers, with certain exceptions, not later than one o'clock in the afternoon on one week day in every week.
6. To make provision for the making of Closing Orders regulating the hours of closing on week days.

There is appended hereto a list of the applications received from Merchants' Associations throughout the County.

It may be assumed that, owing to the procedure being dissimilar, there must be separate Orders dealing with—

1. The weekly half-holiday, and
2. General closing.

Under a General Closing Order, however, there may be included provisions as to a weekly half-holiday with respect to any trades or businesses to which the provisions of the Act as to a weekly half-holiday do not apply.

It is suggested that the sub-committee might first consider and dispose of the applications with respect to a weekly half-holiday and decide as to the lines upon which these should be dealt with.

Having regard to the few applications received from the Upper Ward, and to its wide extent and comparatively small population, it is suggested that, excepting in the cases of Carluke and Lesmahagow, it be left, for the meatime at least, to each shopkeeper to select his own half-holiday, as provided by the Act.

It will be observed that all the applications received from places in the Middle Ward name Wednesday as the weekly half-holiday, and if one Order could be made to apply to the whole of the Middle Ward District, fixing this day as the weekly half holiday, it would greatly simplify matters.

The applications so far as coming from the Lower Ward may be dealt with separately.

It will, of course, be necessary in every case before an Order is made that the opinion of the shopkeepers should be ascertained; and, in taking the vote, each Parish could be kept separate, so that, in the event of any one or more Parishes voting against the proposal, the district within which the Order would operate could be determined accordingly.

With regard to General Closing Orders, these would fall to be dealt with separately.

On the question of the appointment of Inspectors to administer the Act, the duties of such Inspectors would include the following:—

(1) To enquire into and report as to cases of alleged contravention or failure to comply with the provisions of the Act with respect to—

(*a*) Hours of employment and meal times of shop assistants;

(*b*) Hours of employment of young persons;

(*c*) Seating accommodation for female shop assistants.

(2) Where an Order is made by the Local Authority to see that its provisions are complied with.

(3) Where no Order is made to see that the occupiers of shops in which are carried on the trades or businesses to which the provisions of the Act with respect to a weekly half-holiday apply are observed, that is to say, that each shopkeeper shall close his shop at one o'clock on at least one day each week, and that the necessary notice is posted up.

(4) To prepare a register of shops in cases where application has been made in respect of a weekly half-holiday, and also in cases where application has been received for a general closing order, that is an Order for regulating the closing hours on week days.

(5) To assist in ascertaining the views of the shopkeepers concerned in cases where applications for Orders have been made, and generally in carrying out the procedure prescribed by the Act with respect to the making of Orders.

(6) To enquire into and report in regard to applications made by shopkeepers for exemption from the provisions of the Act with respect to a weekly half-holiday.

(7) To exercise the powers conferred upon them, and, if so authorised by the Local Authority, to institute and carry out any proceedings under the Act on behalf of the Local Authority with a view to its enforcement. The powers and duties conferred upon Inspectors are similar to those conferred upon an Inspector under the Factory and Workshops Act, 1901.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

SHOPS ACT, 1912.

PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO ORDERS FOR A WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY AND THE AREAS WITHIN WHICH IT IS SUGGESTED SUCH ORDERS SHOULD OPERATE.

UPPER WARD—

(1) *Carluke*—Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Area—Parish of Carluke.

(2) *Carnwath*—Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Area—

(3) *Crawford*—Thursday at 1 o'clock. Area—

(4) *Crawfordjohn and Abington*—Thursday at 1 o'clock. Area—

(5) *Douglas*—Thursday at 1 o'clock. Area—Parish of Douglas.

(6) *Forth*—Thursday at 1 o'clock. Area—Forth Special Water District.

(7) *Lesmahagow*—Thursday at 1.30 o'clock. Area—Lesmahagow Special Water District, and Blackwood Special Water District, or Parish of Lesmahagow.

MIDDLE WARD—

(8) *Baillieston*—Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Area—Baillieston Special Lighting District.

(9) *Bellshill*—Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Hairdressers—Thursday at 1 o'clock. Area—Bellshill and Mossend Special Lighting District.

(10) *Blantyre*—Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Area—

(11) *Cambuslang* — Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Area — Cambuslang Special Lighting District.

(12) *East Kilbride*—Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Area—

(13) *Larkhall*—Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Area—Parish of Dalserf.

(14) *Shotts*—Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Area—Shotts and Dykehead Special Lighting District.

(15) *Strathaven*—Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Area—

(16) *Stonehouse*—Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Area—Special Lighting and Drainage Districts.

(17) *Uddingston*—Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Area—Uddingston Special Lighting District, Aitkenhead and Tannochside Special Lighting District, Bothwell Park Special Lighting District.

Lower Ward—

(18) *Shettleston*—No request has so far been received from the Merchants' Association, but the Closing Order presently in operation in the Shettleston District provides for closing on Tuesday at 2 o'clock.

An application has, however, been received from Chemists in the District, asking that Tuesday be fixed as the weekly half-holiday. Area—

(19) *South Lenzie*—Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Area—

(20) *Stepps*—Wednesday at 1 o'clock, except Fishmongers, who desire Monday instead of Wednesday. Area—

Proposals received from Merchants' Associations with respect to Closing Orders.

(1) *Baillieston*—From first Monday in April to 30th. September, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7.30 o'clock p.m., Friday at 8 o'clock p.m., and on Saturdays at 10 o'clock p.m.—provision to be made for keeping open till 10 o'clock on days preceding monthly holidays.

(2) *Cambuslang.*—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 8 o'clock p.m., and Saturday at 10 o'clock p.m., as respect the trades of Grocer, Draper, Hardware-seller and Ironmonger, Baker, Stationer, and Bootmaker; and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 7 o'clock p.m., Friday at 7.30 o'clock p.m., and Saturday at 10 o'clock p.m., as respects the trade of Butcher—provision to be made for keeping open till 10 o'clock on the days immediately preceding monthly holidays.

(3) *Shotts.*—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7 o'clock p.m., and Saturday at 10 o'clock p.m.

(4) *South Lenzie.*—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8 o'clock p.m., and Saturday at 10 o'clock p.m.

(5) *Stepps*—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 8 o'clock p.m., and Saturday at 10 o'clock p.m

25th September, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 25th September, 1912, being a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

Colonel Buchanan.
Alexander Hamilton.
John Loudon.
James T. Macdonald.
Andrew Mickel.
William Neilson.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
James Tonner.
James C. Hope Vere.

Chairman. Colonel Buchanan, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 17th July, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Minutes of Sub-Committee on Shops Act. The minutes of the sub-committee appointed with reference to the Shops Act, of date 13th September (Appendix I.), which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, were submitted and approved.

Weekly half-holiday.—Opinion of shopkeepers to be taken. The meeting, in accordance with the recommendation of the sub-committee, instructed the Clerk to take the necessary steps, with a view to ascertaining the opinion of shopkeepers, as to the fixing of the weekly half-holiday in (1) District of the Middle Ward, (2) Parish of Carluke, and (3) Parish of Lesmahagow.

"Comet" Centenary. — Henry Bell Memorial. — Communication from Glasgow Corporation. The Clerk submitted to the meeting a communication from the Corporation of Glasgow, of date 27th August, 1912, relating to the "Comet" Centenary, and soliciting support towards (1) the providing and maintaining of a suitable steamship for the training of students in the practical work of navigation and engineering, and (2) the foundation of one or more Henry Bell Scholarships in the Royal Technical College, Glasgow.

The meeting agreed to commend these objects to the inhabitants of the County, and resolved that the matter be brought before the statutory meeting of the County Council with a view to giving it publicity.

Draft byelaws under Advertisements Regulation Act, 1907. Under reference to the minutes of meeting of the committee, of date 20th December last, the Clerk submitted revised draft byelaws under the Advertisements Regulation Act, 1907. The meeting, after having considered the same, approved thereof, and recommended their adoption to the County Council. A copy of the byelaws as recommended forms Appendix II. to this minute.

Byelaws regulating assembling and procession of bands. With reference to the byelaws made by the County Council regulating the assembling and procession of bands, the Clerk stated that these byelaws were now in force, the statutory period required since the date of their adoption having now elapsed, and no objection having been stated by the Secretary for Scotland.

Byelaws to be advertised. The meeting, with a view to giving publicity to the byelaws, instructed the Clerk to have them advertised in newspapers circulating in the County.

The Clerk having also submitted a draft form of Permit under the byelaws, the meeting approved thereof and remitted to the Clerk and the Chief Constable to exercise their discretion in granting permits and in dealing with cases which they considered were of an exceptional character.

Request for a telephone office at Carfin.

The Clerk stated that he had received a letter from Mr. George Fraser intimating that the inhabitants of Carfin were pressing for a telephone office there, and he reminded the meeting of negotiations which the County Council had had with the Post Office Authorities in 1910 with respect to the establishment of a telegraph office at Carfin, and that the Post Office Authorities had at that time replied that they did not think the circumstances would justify them in incurring the expense which the establishment of such an office would involve.

The meeting, having been informed that the question of providing telephone connections at various places throughout the County for Police and Fire Brigade purposes was at present under the consideration of the Standing Joint and Fire Brigade Committees, agreed that the claims of Carfin should be brought up in that connection.

Cinematograph Act, 1909. — Licences issued for new theatres at Larkhall and Carluke.

The Clerk reported that, having received satisfactory reports from the Engineer on the completion of the new Picture Theatres at Larkhall for Mr. George Urie Scott, and at Carluke for Mr. Michael Burns, he had, in accordance with the decision of the committee, granted a licence for one year in each case.

Application by Messrs. Barilone & Cerrone for licence for the Masonic Hall, Bellshill.

There was submitted to the meeting application for a licence under the Cinematograph Act by Messrs. Barilone & Cerrone in respect of the Old Masonic Hall, Bellshill, together with a sketch plan of the hall and report by the Engineer.

The Clerk having intimated that Mr. J. Dunn Russell, writer, Airdrie, was in attendance and desired to be heard on behalf of the applicants, Mr. Russell was introduced and heard in support of the application.

The meeting, after discussion, resolved that, having regard to the situation of the premises and other circumstances, the application for a licence be refused.

Application for licence for hall at Stepps Road, by Mr. Meiklejohn.

The Clerk reported that Mr. William Meiklejohn, 79 Parson Street, Glasgow, proposed to apply for a licence in respect of the hall at Stepps Road, and he submitted relative report and plan prepared by the Engineer.

The meeting, having heard the Engineer in regard to the alterations on the building proposed by Mr. Meiklejohn, did not consider the hall suitable for cinematograph entertainments.

Application for renewal of licence, Orange Hall, Bellshill.

With reference to the application for renewal of the licence of the Orange Hall, Bellshill, the Clerk explained that, as instructed at last meeting, the Engineer had called on the Secretary of the Bellshill Orange Hall Trustees, and had explained to him the improvements required by the committee. No indication having been received from the Trustees that the necessary improvements would be effected, the meeting refused to renew the licence.

Renewal of licence.—Hall at Dykehead Inn, Shotts.

There was submitted to the meeting application for renewal of licence by Mr. Gavin A. Shanks in respect of the hall at Dykehead Inn, together with a report by the police that during the past year the entertainments had been satisfactorily conducted. The Clerk explained that on receipt of this report he had granted Mr. Shanks permission to carry on the entertainments until the matter could be formally dealt with by the committee. The meeting approved, and agreed to renew the licence for one year to 18th August, 1913.

Proposed alterations to Bellshill Electric Theatre.

The Clerk reported that, as instructed at last meeting, the Engineer had called on the architect for the proposed alterations to the Bellshill Electric Theatre, and had explained to him the recommendation of the committee, but was informed that it is not now proposed to proceed with the alterations meantime.

Plans of proposed new theatres.

The plans of the following new theatres were laid before the meeting and explained by the Engineer, viz. :—

(1) At Mossend, for the Mossend Picture Palace Company (Mr. A. Victor Wilson, architect).
(2) At Blantyre, for Mr. E. H. Bostock (Messrs. Wm. & J. C. Pollok, agents).
(3) At Larkhall, for Mr. J. S. Wilson (Mr. Robert Hamilton, architect).

The meeting agreed to delay consideration of the plans for the Mossend Electric Theatre (No. 1) in view of the fact that they had not yet been passed by the District Committee of the Middle Ward.

In the other two cases referred to the plans were considered satisfactory, and the meeting instructed the Clerk to inform Messrs. Pollok and Mr. Hamilton that, if the buildings were erected in conformity with the plans and to the satisfaction of the Engineer, a licence would be issued on their completion.

Suggested amendment of Cinematograph Act and Regulations.

The Clerk explained that, as instructed at last meeting, he had again written the Secretary for Scotland in regard to the suggested amendment of the Cinematograph Act and Regulations and read the reply received, which was in the following terms:—

"Scottish Office. Whitehall, S.W.,
"30th July, 1912.

"SIR,

"With reference to your letter of the 17th instant on the subject of the Cinematograph Act, 1909, I am directed by the Secretary for Scotland to inform you that he is of opinion, as advised, that it is quite compatible with the Regulations issued by the Secretary for Scotland under the Act, that the County Council of the county in which an exhibition is to be given by a travelling picture show should require the proprietor thereof to comply with conditions imposed by them in terms of Section 7 (3) (*c*) of the Act.

"I am, &c.,

(Signed) "J. M. DODDS."

Letter from Mr. John E. Young re entertainments at Lesmahagow.

The Clerk submitted and read a letter from Mr. John E. Young, Glasgow, intimating entertainments in the Town Hall, Lesmahagow, on 20th, 21st, and 23rd September, and explained that, as the Engineer considered the hall unsuitable for such entertainments he had informed Mr. Young that, without the authority of the committee, no permission could be given for the use of inflammable films. The meeting approved of the Clerk's action.

Request for permission to give Sunday entertainments at Stonehouse.

There was also submitted a letter from Messrs. S. Johnston & Sons, requesting permission to give Sunday entertainments at Stonehouse in their moveable structure, for which they hold a licence under the Cinematograph Act from the Justices of Northumberland, and which does not prohibit Sunday entertainments. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had written Messrs. Johnston stating that under no circumstances could Sunday entertainments be allowed in this County.

APPENDIX I.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON SHOPS ACT, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Friday, 13th September, 1912, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council of Lanark appointed with reference to the Shops Act, 1912. 13th September, 1912.

Present—

Colonel Buchanan.	William Neilson.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Sym.

Colonel Buchanan, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the sub-committee, of date 12th June, 1912, which had been approved by the General Purposes Committee, were laid upon the table. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the instructions of the General Purposes Committee at their meeting held on 17th July last, he had given the necessary notices of intention to make a Half-holiday Order, and as to inspection of registers with regard to shops in the following areas, viz. :— *Half-holiday Order. — Preliminary proceedings.*

(1) District of the Middle Ward ;
(2) Parish of Carluke ;
(3) Parish of Lesmahagow ;

and he stated to the meeting certain alterations of names, trades or businesses, and addresses which had been suggested on the Registers, and these the meeting agreed should be given effect to.

The Clerk submitted a representation from the Scottish Association of Master Bakers requesting that "Bakers" should be deleted from the Registers, and the meeting, after consideration, agreed that the request should be acceded to. *Scottish Association of Master Bakers.— Request that bakers be deleted from Registers acceded to.*

The meeting also considered a suggestion that the trades or businesses of stationers and booksellers and also of dentists should be included in the Registers, but, after consideration, the meeting agreed not to include them. *Proposal to include stationers and booksellers and dentists in Registers not sanctioned.*

There was submitted to the meeting a Petition, which bore to be signed by a majority of the saddlers in the Middle Ward District, asking that an Order be made exempting them from the provisions of the Act with respect to a weekly half-holiday. *Petition from saddlers in Middle Ward District craving exemption from half-holiday provisions.*

The meeting agreed that it would be desirable that any Order exempting saddlers should apply to the whole County, and instructed the Clerk with a view to ascertaining the wishes of the occupiers of such shops to address a communication to each saddler in the County enquiring whether or not he was in favour of exemption, and to report the result. *Views of saddlers in whole of County to be ascertained and reported to committee.*

The Clerk submitted a letter from Mr. R. B. Percy, hairdresser, Mossend, objecting to Wednesday being fixed for the half-holiday for hairdressers in his district, and representing in favour of the selection of Thursday. *Letter from Mr. R. B. Percy, Mossend, objecting to proposed day of half-holiday.*

The meeting, having regard to the general opinion that Wednesday was the more suitable day, did not see their way to give effect to Mr. Percy's request. *No change to be made.*

The meeting thereafter agreed that the Clerk be instructed to send to every occupier appearing in the Registers at his registered address the notice, together with a voting paper, in the form required by the regulations made under the Act. *Half-holiday Order.—Notices to be sent to shopkeepers.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from Mr. Allan Colthart, Crawford, urging the County Council to make an Order for that district especially with a view to stopping the practice of hawking which presently prevails on the half-holiday which is being voluntarily observed by shopkeepers in that district. *Proposed half-holiday for Crawford District. — Letter from Mr. Allan Colthart, Crawford.*

The meeting agreed to recommend that the committee should adhere to their former decision to delay meantime making an Order for the Crawford District. *No action to be taken meantime.*

APPENDIX II.

DRAFT.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

BYELAWS

FOR THE

REGULATION OF ADVERTISEMENTS, &c.

WHEREAS it is provided by the Advertisements Regulation Act, 1907, Section 2, as follows, viz. :—

"Any Local Authority may make Byelaws—

(1) For the regulation and control of hoardings and similar structures used for the purpose of advertising when they exceed twelve feet in height:

(2) For regulating, restricting, or preventing the exhibition of advertisements in such places and in such manner, or by such means, as to effect injuriously the amenities of a public park or pleasure promenade, or to disfigure the natural beauty of a landscape.

"Provided that a Local Authority, in making byelaws under this section, shall provide for the exemption from the operation of such byelaws of any hoardings and similar structures in use for advertising purposes at the time of the making of the byelaws, and of any advertisements exhibited at that time for such period, not being less than five years from that time as they may think fit."

AND WHEREAS Section 6 of the said Act provides as follows, viz. :—

"A County Council may make byelaws under this Act for preventing the affixing or otherwise exhibiting advertisements upon any wall, tree, fence, gate, or elsewhere on private property, without the consent of either the owner or occupier previously given in writing, or except by virtue of some other sufficient legal authority."

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the exhibition of advertisements in the County should be regulated :—

Therefore we, the County Council of the County of Lanark, at the Statutory General Meeting of the said County Council held at on the day of and in exercise of the power vested in us by the said recited Acts, do hereby make the following byelaws :—

EXTENT OF BYELAWS.

These Byelaws shall have effect and be in force in the whole County of Lanark exclusive of the Burghs and Police Burghs therein.

REGULATIONS.

1. No advertisement shall be exhibited on any hoarding, stand, or other erection visible from any public highway (whether carriageway, bridleway, or footway), or from any public waterway, or from any railway, and so placed as to disfigure the natural beauty of the landscape.

2. No person shall affix or otherwise exhibit advertisements upon any wall, tree, fence, gate, or elsewhere on private property, without the consent of either the owner or occupier previously given in writing, or except by virtue of some other sufficient legal authority.

25th September, 1912.

EXEMPTIONS.

There shall be exempted from the operation of this byelaw;

(1) Advertisements upon land or upon buildings thereon relating solely to any trade or business carried on, or any entertainment or meeting, sale, or letting held or to be held upon or in relation to such lands or buildings, or

(2) For a period of five years from the time of the making of this byelaw advertisements exhibited at that time.

PENALTIES.

If any person acts in contravention of or fails to comply with the foregoing bye-laws, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding £5, and to a penalty not exceeding 20s. for every day during which the offence is continued after his conviction thereof.

COUNTY CLERK.

COUNTY OFFICES,
HAMILTON, 1912.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 12th June, 1912, being a meeting of the Committee appointed by the County Council under the National Insurance Act. 12th June, 1912.

Present—

GEORGE FRASER. | JOHN D. SCOTT.
WILLIAM NEILSON. | JOHN WHEATLEY.

Attending—

Dr. WILSON, County Medical Officer.

There having been submitted an apology from Colonel King Stewart, Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Neilson was appointed chairman of the meeting. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a reply which he had received from the Secretary of the National Insurance Commission (Scotland), of date 7th June, stating that the Commissioners are advised that the terms of the Act do not preclude the appointment by the County Council of the Medical Officer of Health as a member of the Insurance Committee. Dr. Wilson was accordingly appointed a member of the committee. *Reply from National Insurance Commission regarding appointment of Medical Officer of Health as member of Insurance Committee.*

The meeting, having proceeded to consider the question of nominating another medical member, agreed to nominate Dr. Millar, Uddingston. *Nomination of Dr. Millar, Uddingston.*

The Clerk stated that, as suggested at last meeting, he had communicated with Mrs. Stewart. Murdostoun, and Mrs. Thos. F. Wilson, Uddingston, both of whom had indicated their willingness to allow themselves to be nominated as members of the Provisional Insurance Committee for Lanarkshire. The meeting accordingly agreed to nominate Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Wilson as members of the committee. *Nomination of Mrs. Stewart, Murdostoun, and Mrs. Thomas F. Wilson, Uddingston.*

With regard to the appointment of two members who might be regarded as representing the deposit contributors, the meeting, after discussion, agreed to nominate— *Nomination of deposit contributors.*

Mr. James Hamilton, J.P., Uddingston, and
Mr. John Miller, 1 Woodside Place. Hillview, Shettleston.

The Clerk was instructed to intimate these nominations to the respective persons proposed for nomination, and if the nominations were accepted, thereafter to communicate the same to the Secretary of the Insurance Commission.

With reference to the question of the provision of sanatoria, the meeting, after hearing a statement by the County Medical Officer, meantime agreed to meet with representatives of the District Committees to consider the matter, and instructed the Clerk to communicate with the District Clerks with a view to a meeting being arranged. *Provision of sanatoria.—Agreed to meet with representatives of District Committees.*

The question as to the position of the employees of the County Council under the Act was again brought up, and continued for further consideration. *Position of employees of the County Council.*

26th June, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 26th June, 1912, being a Meeting of the Committee appointed by the County Council under the National Insurance Act.

Present—

George Fraser.	John D. Scott.
Robert Lambie.	James Tonner.
David K. Michie.	James C. Hope Vere.
William Neilson.	John Wheatley.

Attending—

Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

Chairman. In the absence of Colonel King Stewart, chairman of the committee, Mr. Neilson was appointed chairman of the meeting.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 12th June, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Acceptance of nomination by Mr. James Hamilton, Uddingston, and Mr. John Millar, Shettleston. Under reference to the minutes of last meeting, the Clerk stated that he had communicated with Mr. James Hamilton, Uddingston, and Mr. John Millar, Shettleston, and that both had agreed to accept nomination to the Provisional Insurance Committee for Lanarkshire. The meeting accordingly agreed to nominate Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Millar.

Letter from Dr. Millar, Uddingston. The Clerk also stated that he had communicated with Dr. Millar, Uddingston, from whom he submitted a letter expressing regret that in the present circumstances he could not see his way to accept nomination. The meeting, having discussed the question of the nomination of another medical practitioner to the Insurance Committee, agreed that it was inexpedient to make further proposals in view of the present attitude of the medical profession.

The meeting instructed the Clerk to intimate to the Insurance Commissioners the nominations to the Provisional Committee so far as completed.

Memorandum by County Medical Officer on question of accommodation for cases of tuberculosis. The County Medical Officer stated to the meeting that he was in course of preparing a Memorandum dealing with the question of the accommodation presently available in the County for cases of tuberculosis, and also the question of additional accommodation which may require to be provided in view of the provisions of the National Insurance Act, and that he hoped to send a copy of it to the members of the committee on an early date.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

JOINT-COMMITTEE *RE* NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 24th July, 1912, being a Meeting of the Joint-Committee appointed by the County Council and the District Committees in connection with the National Insurance Act. — 24th July, 1912.

Present—

As representing the County Council—

J. P. Baird. | David K. Michie.
Geo. Fraser. | William Neilson.
Robert Lambie. | John D. Scott.
William Speirs.

As representing the District Committee of the Middle Ward—

John C. Burns. | James C. Pollok.
Alexander Hamilton. | William Templeton.
John Jackson. | David Thomson.

As representing the District Committee of the Lower Ward—

A. H. J. Briggs. | Walter C. B. Christie.

Attending—

A. W. Paterson, Clerk to the District Committee of the Upper Ward.
W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.
J. G. Kennedy, as representing Dr. Hill, Clerk to the District Committee of the Lower Ward.

Mr. William Neilson was appointed chairman of the meeting. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting communications which he had received from the Clerks to the several District Committees intimating the appointment of representatives to this Joint-Committee, viz. :— — *Appointments by District Committees to Joint-Committee.*

As representing the District Committee of the Upper Ward.

Peter P. Campbell. | Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
James H. Fenton. | Rev. C. M'Kune.

As representing the District Committee of the Middle Ward.

John C. Burns. | John Jackson.
James Cameron. | John Loudon.
W. W. Chapman. | James C. Pollok.
Thomas G. Cowan. | William Templeton.
Alexander Hamilton. | David Thomson.
Thomas Watt.

As representing the District Committee of the Lower Ward.

A. H. J. Briggs. | Walter C. B. Christie.
Lawrence Maxton.

Report by Dr. Wilson.

There was also submitted a report (Appendix) by the County Medical Officer on the prevention, detection, and treatment of tuberculosis, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the Joint-Committee.

Provision of sanatoria for treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

The Clerk having reminded the meeting of the terms of the National Insurance Act with regard to the provision of sanatoria, the meeting agreed that, in order to facilitate consideration of the matter, the members of the Joint-Committee should have an opportunity of visiting and inspecting the buildings or institutions in the county which might be made available for the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis. The Clerk was accordingly instructed to arrange for such an inspection on an early date.

APPENDIX.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

UPPER, MIDDLE, AND LOWER WARD DISTRICTS.

PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

MEMORANDUM BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

The circular issued by the Local Government Board, dated 29th May last, with the heading "Parliamentary Grant for Sanatorium Purposes," submits for the immediate consideration of Local Authorities many important points dealing with "Sanatorium Benefit" and "Sanatorium Treatment" under the National Insurance Act. On page 3 it is stated that under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, Local Authorities have comprehensive powers for dealing with **Tuberculosis in all its forms and conditions.** Reference is made to an Interim Report of a Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis, which states, on page 25, that the Local Government Board for Scotland may **require Local Authorities to provide out of rates for practically every variety of treatment included under the terms of the sanatorium benefit.**

The Board suggest that County Councils should forthwith instruct their Medical Officer of Health to prepare a report on the requirements of the area of the County, with a view to the early preparation of **adequate schemes** for the prevention, detection, and treatment of tuberculosis, and they ask to be informed before the 1st of July of the progress made in each area with the consideration of the suggestions now submitted.

The work already undertaken by the District Committees for the Administrative Control of Tuberculosis has been carried out on the lines laid down by the Local Government Board in a circular issued in 1906. This work now requires to be extended, developed, and amplified to provide an adequate scheme for the prevention, detection, and treatment of all forms of tuberculosis. This is a matter that requires time, but the only unit in the scheme which requires immediate consideration is that of Dispensary, and this is receiving attention.

This report is in four sections, one for each of the three districts and one for the County as a whole.

It will be remembered that the County Council have taken a great interest in the provision of Sanatorium Treatment for consumptive patients. This subject was first brought under the notice of the Council in December, 1900, and the action taken thereafter may be gathered from a special report submitted to the Public Health Committee by the County Medical Officer in April, 1905 (see pages 468 and 583 of the printed minutes, 1904-1905). In July, 1906, a further report was submitted to the County Committee giving an account of the work done by the

District Committees up to that date, being one year's experience of voluntary notification and hospital treatment of pulmonary phthisis.

The suggestion that Hairmyres Institution and grounds should be turned into a Sanatorium for the treatment of consumptive patients was first discussed in May, 1906, and has been the subject of various reports since that date. In October, 1909, a joint-report by the County Clerk and County Medical Officer was submitted to a Special Sub-Committee dealing with (1) The results of experience in the administrative control of pulmonary phthisis, and the need for providing further accommodation for the treatment of such cases; and (2) The results, financial and otherwise, of the working of Hairmyres Inebriate Reformatory. This joint-report deals with the work done by each of the District Committees up to the end of August, 1909, and shows that 965 patients had been treated in hospital up to that date. A summary of the experience then gained and the suggestions made is here given:—

"Summary of Experience.

1. There is a large number of persons suffering from well-marked pulmonary phthisis that are not notified, and do not receive hospital treatment.

2. There are some persons notified suffering from well-marked symptoms of the disease who do not care to enter our present hospitals, and might go to an institution where a moderate payment would require to be made, say £1 per week.

3. There are persons though not suffering from well-marked symptoms of the disease show a tendency to pulmonary phthisis. They cannot be termed consumptives, and yet it is of the utmost importance that they should be brought under suitable preventive treatment. For such cases it is desirable that they should go to some institution, not necessarily a sanatorium, where they would be under medical supervision for a moderate charge. Some people are so sensitive that they would go to a hydropathic establishment just to avoid the suggestion of suffering from phthisis.

The measures presently in force fall far short of the objects aimed at by preventive medicine, yet it is not desirable that any further movement should be made without careful investigation and inquiry. The following matters are specially mentioned for consideration.

Suggestions.

1. As regards the work done by the three District Committees, medical practitioners ought to be consulted as to the results obtained and as to how the benefits could be extended.

2. Parochial Authorities require to be consulted, as there is a desire on their part to have their consumptive patients treated by the Public Health Authorities.

3. Benefit Societies ought also to be consulted, as in the absence of any State Insurance it is most difficult to get our working population sent early to hospital.

4. Other Local Authorities ought to be consulted, as they have not yet provided such, if any, accommodation for consumptives.

It might be desirable that a conference should be arranged, when all interested parties could meet."

This joint-report will be found at page 220 of the minutes for 1909-1910.

On 30th March, 1910, a meeting of the special committee was held with reference to the proposal to appropriate the whole or

part of the property at Hairmyres as a site for a consumptive sanatorium. A letter was submitted by the Medical Officer showing how that, at a small cost for the erection of chalets, the institution at Hairmyres could at once be utilised for twenty or more patients. The meeting agreed that the whole matter be continued.

The lands at Hairmyres extend to 85 acres, and afford a suitable site for the establishment of an institution dealing with all forms and all stages of tuberculosis. The original cost of these lands was about £3,000, and the money expended in connection with the Reformatory is given by the County Clerk as follows:—

Erection of buildings, including attendant's cottage, installation of gas plant, outhouses, &c.,	£4,420	0	0
Improvement of grounds for garden,	179	0	0
Furniture and furnishings,	320	0	0
Other expenses,	22	0	0
	£4,941	0	0

Tuberculosis Death-Rates.—In the special report issued in July, 1906, a series of tables were submitted for each ward of the County showing the number of deaths registered from pulmonary tuberculosis, also the death-rate for each registration district. In the following tables the average quinquennial death-rates for each ward of the County are given not only for pulmonary tuberculosis, but also for other forms of tuberculosis. It will be observed that the death-rate from pulmonary tuberculosis shows a considerable decline, having gone down from 13·16 in the first quinquennium to 9·1 in the last quinquennium. There is reason to believe, however, that part of this may be accounted for by more accurate statistics. The information given in the earlier years as to the usual place of residence was very incomplete, and deaths were allocated to County districts which really belonged to City or Burgh areas.

Table A.—*Pulmonary Tuberculosis.*

Average Quinquennial Death-rates per 10,000 of the population also annual Death-rate, for the year 1911.

	1891-95	1896-1900	1901-05	1906-10	1911
Upper Ward,	12·02	11·90	10·58	8·13	7·20
Middle Ward,	13·57	11·44	10·00	8·83	9·10
Lower Ward,	12·83	11·70	12·40	11·3	6·23
Administrative County,	13·16	11·56	10·48	9·15	8·30

Table B.—*Other forms of Tuberculosis.*

Average Quinquennial Death-rates per 10,000 of the population, also annual Death-rate for the year 1911.

	1901-5	1906-10	1911
Upper Ward, ...	4·92	4·42	3·95
Middle Ward, ...	8·3	9·44	8·11
Lower Ward, ...	7·6	8·0	7·70
Administrative County, ...	7·7	8·1	7·44

I.—GENERAL ACCOUNT OF THE WORK DONE.

The work done by each of the District Committees in the prevention, detection, and treatment of tuberculosis has been referred to in the Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health since the year 1905, and is here discussed under four headings, viz.:—notification, visitation, disinfection, and hospital treatment. It will be found that the work has related mainly to patients suffering from the pulmonary form of tuberculosis, although a few glandular cases have also been dealt with. In carrying out this work the Committees have utilised to the fullest extent the services and hospital accommodation at their disposal, but have so far not introduced any specialised service.

Notification.—Voluntary notification was tried for two years from about the middle of 1905 to 1907, but it was found that only cases were notified which seemed to be requiring hospital treatment, and that many of these were in an advanced stage of the disease. The disease was then made compulsorily notifiable under the Notification Act, when it was expected that all cases would be notified at once to the Medical Officer of Health so soon as the medical practitioner became aware of the nature of the illness. Experience, however, has shown that a considerable number of the cases escape notification altogether, others are only notified when the disease is advanced, and a few are only brought under notice when death occurs. As a medical practitioner had been in attendance on all fatal cases before death occurred, a communication was sent to each practitioner certifying those deaths, calling attention to the provisions of the Notification Act. The replies received in some cases stated that the medical practitioner was not aware that the disease had been made compulsorily notifiable, in other cases the medical practitioner thought that the case had been notified already by some other doctor and did not think it necessary to notify again, and a few apologised, saying that the matter had quite slipped their memory. After five years' experience of the value of compulsory notification as a means for bringing persons suffering from pulmonary phthisis under observation, we have to admit that so far the results have been somewhat disappointing. This may be judged not only by the number of fatal cases never notified, already referred to, but also by the many cases only notified a short time before death.

Visitation.—On receipt of a notification a visit is made first by the Sanitary Inspector, and information obtained on a form prepared for the purpose. Should the medical attendant consider a visit unnecessary, the form is forwarded for the information desired. When a case desires hospital treatment, that is arranged for, and printed instructions are given. In the earlier days, 1905-6, the resident physician at the two larger hospitals gave much valuable help in visiting most of the patients before they were admitted to hospital. They were then instructed as to the precautions to be observed in the home, and advised as to the open-air treatment they would receive at the hospital. More recently the two Asst. Medical Officers of Health have visited many of the homes. These medical visits arose sometimes

from requests by the family doctor, sometimes because other illnesses in the family were suspected to be tuberculous, and sometimes because of difficulty in diagnosis.

Disinfection.—After the removal of a patient to hospital the premises were disinfected in the manner adopted for acute infectious diseases. When a patient died at home a thorough cleaning of the house was usually done by the occupiers. Disinfection was offered, but sometimes the cleaning had been done before the Sanitary Officer knew of the death. The need for intimation of removal from a house is pointed out in a printed notice referring to Section 53 of the Public Health Act, which requires the person who ceases to occupy a house in which there has been someone suffering from an infectious disease to have disinfection carried out to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer. Yet removal sometimes takes place without either intimation or disinfection. The arrangements for disinfection are for many reasons considered unsatisfactory, and will be further considered.

Hospital Treatment.—In the special report, issued in July, 1906, the County Medical Officer gave the history of the action taken by the County Council, commencing with December, 1900, and ending with June, 1905, when the District Committee resolved to admit to their hospital persons suffering from pulmonary phthisis so long as there was suitable accommodation available, the Medical Officer of Health being instructed to carry out the necessary arrangements. This work was begun at a time when there was a limited prevalence of ordinary infectious disease, and when several ward-pavilions were standing empty in the hospitals of the Middle and Lower Ward Districts. The work done since then is shown in the district reports, and is here summarised. It is pleasing to be able to state that no one has been denied the benefits of hospital treatment.

Table Showing the Result of Enquiries in Tracing Persons known to be Suffering from Pulmonary Phthisis, Distinguishing between those Treated at Home and those Treated in Hospital.

Year.	Cases.	Died.	Left District.	Not Traced.	"Institution.	Present Condition. At Work.	Impr.	Not Impr.
Treated at Home.								
1906, ...	143	79	23	29	...	4	5	3
1907, ...	104	70	11	9	3	10	...	1
1908, ...	247	159	30	14	15	14	14	1
1909, ...	251	154	43	23	9	11	8	3
1910, ...	207	118	26	8	19	24	11	1
1911, ...	222	115	22	11	11	23	33	7
Up to 31st May, 1912, ...	108	38	7	3	1	6	22	31
Total,	1,282	733	162	97	58	92	93	47
Treated in Hospital.								
1906, ...	208	130	40	17	...	15	2	4
1907, ...	177	109	36	7	...	15	5	5
1908, ...	158	72	35	14	...	23	10	4
1909, ...	186	87	29	7	...	35	18	10
1910, ...	275	103	52	16	...	56	39	9
1911, ...	229	74	14	10	...	43	64	24
Up to 31st May, 1912, ...	109	13	1	...	...	4	67	24
Total,	1,342	588	207	71	...	191	205	80
Grand Total,	2,624	1,321	369	168	58	283	298	127

The above Table shows that 1,342 cases suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis have been admitted to the Hospitals since 1906. It should be remembered that a large number of these patients were re-admitted, and some of them more than once. The actual number of admissions since 1906, amounted to about 1,800.

II.—FURTHER WORK REQUIRED.

The memorandum issued in March, 1906, by the Local Government Board on the administrative control of pulmonary phthisis showed that a Local Authority, under the Public Health Act, had powers to deal with the prevention and control of that disease on lines similar to those adopted for acute infections, such as typhoid fever, the details of the procedure being adapted to meet the requirements of the different types and stages of pulmonary phthisis. Reference was made in that circular to the isolation of advanced cases in hospital wards by the Lanarkshire County Authorities, but the work already done has embraced all stages of the disease, and has been carried out on sanatorium lines.

The Board's circular letter of 29th May last, which forms the subject of this preliminary report, now suggests to all Local Authorities that the time has come when all the powers contained in the Public Health Act for the prevention and control of disease should be applied to all forms of tuberculosis, no distinction being made between Poor Law cases and others. Any person suffering from any form of tuberculosis, and requiring assistance from the Local Authority, should receive that assistance whether for recognition, prevention, or treatment. Reference is made to the financial assistance that can be obtained under the National Insurance Act, but this is dealt with under a subsequent heading.

The further work that requires to be done consists chiefly in the extension and amplification of what already has been undertaken, and may be discussed under the same heads.

Notification.—Compulsory notification would require to be applicable to all forms of tuberculosis. The Local Government Board have, by an order applicable to the whole of Scotland, made pulmonary phthisis a notifiable disease. Experience has shown that notification by medical practitioners has failed to bring under observation cases in the early stages of the disease. This is due to various causes—(1) There is the insidious nature of the complaint; in most cases the disease obtains a very strong hold without incapacitating for ordinary duties. (2) There is the indifference which so many of the working classes display towards slight illness; it is a sad fact that many persons suffering from pulmonary phthisis do not seek medical aid until the disease is well advanced. (3) The time required in the medical examination of a patient to discover the disease in its early stages. The Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis in their report * give the following classification of patients:—

(1) Cases in which the disease can be diagnosed or is strongly suspected, but in which there is no evident impairment of the working capacity.

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* The following criticism was taken from an article in the *Glasgow Herald* by Dr. T. D. Lister:—

"The interim report of the National Tuberculosis Committee was a compromise to bring into line the various opinions represented on the committee. So far it was successful. What it left out very largely was a strong grasp of the nature of the tuberculosis problem. No patching up of consumptives is going to affect seriously the present rapid rate of decline in the mortality from tuberculosis.

"The treatment of recognised consumption is one thing, and is largely the matter of the interim report. The prevention of the disease is another and more serious matter, and implies a much stronger line and firmer grasp than that shown by the National Committee. We may hope that the final report will deal more broadly with the question than the curious conglomeration of recommendations at present issued. These bear all the impress of a hasty compromise against time"

(2) Cases of recent onset with some inpairment of the working capacity, but without marked evidence of ill-health.

(3) Cases of recent onset with evidence of acute illness.

(4) Cases of a longer history of illness. In some of these cases permanent arrest of the disease may be hoped for, but in the majority restoration to full working capacity for more than a comparatively short period is not to be looked for.

(5) Cases in which there is permanent loss of working capacity. Many of these patients live for a considerable period in a condition of chronic ill-health.

(6) Cases in which a fatal termination within six months is probable.

The report says:—

"This classification is necessarily imperfect, as some cases may undergo rapid change, and may subsequently have to be transferred from one class to another. The classification is a broad one, and forms a sufficiently practical basis for exemplifying the manner in which the tuberculosis dispensary may, as explained later on, exercise its functions as a clearing house.

"Different arrangements will be required for the treatment of these different types of cases. Treatment in sanatoria will chiefly be necessary for cases falling within classes 2, 3, and 4, and for a small proportion of cases falling within classes 1 and 5. It is, however, impossible to lay down a hard-and-fast rule on this point. The broad lines only can be suggested, and it must be remembered that the ultimate success of any scheme of treatment must depend to a large extent on its elasticity.

"The Committee desire to recommend that the selection of cases for treatment in a sanatorium should be made, as far as possible, 'in association with the Medical Superintendent of the Sanatorium.'"

Visitation.—Special attention is called to Class (1)—incipient cases which up till now have not been found among the cases brought under the notice of the District Committees by compulsory notification. For the recognition of such cases it is suggested that a Tuberculosis Dispensary will be helpful. This is a development which is being taken up by the District Committees. In Edinburgh, where a Tuberculosis Dispensary has been in existence for many years, it is said that the majority of cases notified to the Medical Officer of Health came from this source. The Local Government Board in their recent circular refer to dispensaries in the following terms:—

"The functions of such a dispensary would be to serve as a "centre for diagnosis, for observation, for such curative treat- "ment as can be properly administered at or from such an "institution, for examination of 'contacts,' for organising 'after- "care,' as a 'clearing-house' for cases needing treatment in "sanatoria, hospitals, convalescent homes, &c., and, finally, for "general information and education in regard to tuberculosis."

The Middle Ward District Committee are making arrangements for dispensaries on these lines, and will be asked to appoint clinical assistants who will devote their whole time to this and other infectious diseases.

A Mother's Help.—A large proportion of the consumptive patients notified are mothers with young families, who have often great difficulty in accepting institutional treatment because there is no responsible person who can look after her children and domestic affairs in her absence. In some cases relations can be of help, but often these have large families of their own to look after. A kindly neighbour may look after the husband and older members of the family, but there seems a great need for some responsible person, other than a trained nurse, who is the servant of the Local Authority, to step in and give help when necessary.

Homes for Children.—Probably the most satisfactory method of providing for the young children would be to take them to a home belonging to the Local Authority, where they could be cared for until the mother was able to return home.

Disinfection.—No method of carrying out chemical disinfection can be considered satisfactory in itself when dealing with dwellings occupied by persons suffering from pulmonary phthisis. It is important that all personal and body clothing, bed clothes, and general domestic surroundings should be all thoroughly cleansed. The procedure to be recommended might be described as a "spring cleaning." The District Committees will therefore consider the desirability of having the services of competent women who could undertake such work in those cases where the occupiers are either unable or unwilling to clean up thoroughly themselves.

Institutional Treatment.—It is exceedingly gratifying to be able to report that the District Committees have been able to make provision for all cases requiring hospital treatment, that have been brought under their notice. To provide, however, for early stages of the disease and all forms of tuberculosis further accommodation is required, and I have no doubt the District Committees will not fail to provide same. This, however, is a matter which requires time for careful consideration.

At Hairmyres there is abundant scope for all forms of institutional treatment, including a farm colony.

III.—FINANCIAL AID.

The National Insurance Act, 1911, Section 16 (2), provides that one shilling and threepence in respect of each insured person resident in the area shall be payable out of the benefit funds for defraying the expenses of Sanatorium Benefit. A sum of one penny shall also be payable out of money provided by Parliament, but as this may be used for the purpose of research, any calculation to be made should be based on one shilling and threepence.

The number of persons who will be insured has been estimated by competent authorities at one-third of the total population. In round figures the population at the last census in the three sanitary districts of the County was as follows:—Upper Ward, 43,000; Middle Ward, 200,000; Lower Ward, 57,000, making a total population of 300,000. The sum, therefore, that should be available for each district will be as follows:—

Upper Ward, - - -	£895 16 8
Middle Ward, - - -	4,166 13 4
Lower Ward, - - -	1,187 10 0
County, - -	£6,250 0 0

24th July, 1912.

The actual expenditure involved in hospital and sanatorium treatment as carried out by the District Committees in recent years cannot readily be separated out from other hospital expenditure, but might be estimated to average about £5,000 per annum. Thus, for the year 1911 the actual number of admissions was 341. The duration of treatment averages about ten weeks, and the cost of treatment at 30s. per week amounts to £15 per patient. To carry out a complete scheme as now suggested by the Local Government Board dealing with all forms of tuberculosis will increase the expenditure very considerably. Assuming that the total amount for insured persons amounted to £18,000, and that £6,000 of that were paid out of Insurance Funds, it would leave a very heavy expenditure to be borne by the Public Health rates. The question, however, will arise whether the Insurance Committee under Section 17 of the Act might think fit to extend sanatorium benefit to the dependants of the insured persons resident in the County or to any class of such dependants. For such a purpose any sums available for sanatorium benefit shall be applicable, and if in any year the amount available is insufficient to meet the estimated expenditure on sanatorium benefit for insured persons and such dependants, the Insurance Committee may, through the Insurance Commissioners, transmit to the Treasury and the County Council an account showing the estimated expenditure. In this way one-half of the expenditure for dependants might be met by the Treasury.

The number of insured persons to non-insured persons notified as suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis is tabulated in the district reports, and is summarised here. The number and percentages relate to the past six years.

	Non-Insured.		Insured.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Upper Ward, ...	106	45	129	55
Middle „ ...	948	53	838	47
Lower „ ...	196	51	190	49
County, ...	1,250	52	1,157	48

The insured persons are shown to be in a minority. Should all forms of tuberculosis be included, the proportion of non-insured will be greatly increased.

JOHN T. WILSON.

County Offices,
Hamilton, *July 5th*, 1912.

UPPER WARD DISTRICT.

I.—AN ACCOUNT OF THE WORK DONE.

NOTIFICATION AND VISITATION.—Arrangements were made for the voluntary notification of pulmonary phthisis in June, 1905, and in January, 1908, the disease was made compulsorily notifiable. The number of cases brought under notice each year since 1906 are here given:—

Voluntary Notification.

Year.	New Cases Notified.	Fatal Cases not Notified.	Total Cases Recorded.
1906, ...	27	33	60
1907, ...	26	21	47
	53	54	107

Compulsory Notification.

1908, ...	54	4	58
1909, ...	29	12	41
1910, ...	43	10	53
1911, ...	56	4	60
Total, ...	182	30	212
Annual average,	45·5	7·5	53

This statement shows that since 1908, when compulsory notification began, no fewer than 30 deaths were registered in which the illness was never notified. This gives an average of 7 fatal cases which have occurred annually without the illness having been notified. As a medical practitioner had been in attendance on each of these cases before the fatal issue occurred, a communication was sent to each practitioner who certified those deaths, calling attention to the provisions of the Notification Act. The replies received showed that the medical attendant in some cases had not realised his responsibility under the Act.

During the same period 100 fatal cases had been previously notified, but it can be shown that most of these cases were in an advanced stage of the disease before the notification was received, from the short time that elapsed between the date of notification and date of death.

30	died	within 1 month	from the date	of notification.
20	,,	1—3 months	,, ,,	,,
14	,,	3—6 months	,, ,,	,,
15	,,	6—12 months	,, ,,	,,
21	,,	over a year after the	,,	,,
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From all this we may conclude that many persons with early symptoms of the disease escape detection, and that the prevalence of the disease is greater than the notification statistics indicate.

The average rate of incidence per thousand of the population was 1·23, and the average death-rate per thousand was 0·74.

The patients have also been classified according to their social condition, distinguishing between those who would be insured under the Insurance Act and those who would not be insured. The result is shown in the following table:—

NOTIFIED CASES OF PULMONARY PHTHISIS CLASSIFIED IN RELATION TO THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911.

	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	Total.
Married Women, ...	6	6	10	6	8	12	48
Children 16 years, ...	4	2	6	3	8	4	27
Non-Workers 16 years and over, ...	2	5	10	3	1	10	31
NON-INSURED Total, ...	12	13	26	12	17	26	106
INSURED Workers 16 years and over, ...	15	13	28	17	26	30	129
Total Cases, ...	27	26	54	29	43	56	235

Of the total 235 cases, no fewer than 48 were married women, 27 were children under 16 years of age, 31 were persons over 16 years but not engaged in manual labour, thus leaving only 129 who would be insured and eligible for sanatorium benefit. Should all forms of tuberculosis be dealt with the proportion of non-insured persons will be increased. For example, we find that, during the five years ending 1911, an average of 34 deaths was registered from pulmonary phthisis, while the average number of deaths from other forms of tuberculosis was 19. Now, most of the latter were children under 16 years of age.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT.—A tabular statement is appended which shows that of 251 cases notified up to 31st May of this year, 50 have been treated in hospital. It also shows the number of those notified and treated who are still surviving in the district. Looking at the progress of events, year by year, we find that after five or six years only a few cases remain on our records. Taking the 201 cases treated at home, 121 are known to have died, 33 have left the district, and 8 cannot be traced. Of the cases still surviving 3 are at work, 29 have improved in health, and 7 have not improved. Of the 50 cases treated in hospital, 20 are known to have died, and 6 have left the district. Of the cases still surviving 3 are at work, 17 are improved in health, and 4 have not improved. Thus the total number of cases under observation at present is 63, and so far as I am aware every one desirous of hospital treatment has been accommodated at the District Hospital.

TABLE SHOWING THE RESULTS OF INQUIRIES IN TRACING PERSONS KNOWN TO BE SUFFERING FROM PULMONARY PHTHISIS, DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN THOSE TREATED AT HOME AND THOSE TREATED IN HOSPITAL.

Treated at Home.

Year.	Cases.	Died.	Left District.	Not Traced.	Present Condition. At Work.	Impr.	Not Impr.
1906,	23	14	4	2	...	2	1
1907,	23	18	4	...	1	...	...
1908,	45	31	8	...	...	5	1
1909,	25	14	8	1	1	1	...
1910,	28	18	4	1	1	3	1
1911,	45	22	4	4	...	14	1
Up to 31st May, 1912,	12	4	1	...	...	4	3
Total,	201	121	33	8	3	29	7

Treated in Hospital.

1906,	4	3	...	...	1	...	...
1907,	3	3	...	...	...	...	...
1908	9	5	...	...	1	3	...
1909,	4	1	...	...	...	1	2
1910,	15	3	5	...	1	4	2
1911,	11	5	1	...	...	5	...
Up to 31st May, 1912,	4	...	...	...	...	4	...
Total,	50	20	6	...	3	17	4
Grand total,	251	141	39	8	6	46	11
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II.—FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF WORK.

(Report required by the Local Government Board.)

A.—MEANS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

(a) *Existing Institutions.*

The District Hospital at Roadmeetings, near Carluke, has a pavilion of wood with ten beds, which have not been much required for ordinary acute infections. A chalet was erected in 1906 with four beds, and these are always available. There is a considerable extent of ground unoccupied at this hospital.

A sanatorium was erected in the year 1905 at Douglas Cottage Hospital, which was provided by the Countess of Home. This sanatorium has accommodation for nine patients, but there are also two shelters for two patients. The total number of patients admitted since 1905 is about 97, but only a few of these patients have come from the Upper Ward District. The sanatorium

pavilion is worked in conjunction with the Cottage Hospital, and the work done deserves the highest praise.

Bellefield Sanatorium, near the Burgh of Lanark, is known as a Glasgow institution, and receives only a few patients from areas outside Glasgow.

(b) *Beds Provided at Patients' Homes.*

A number of shelters have been provided at patients' homes, but not at the expense of the District Committee. Two of these are at farm houses in Lesmahagow, one at a fruit-grower's cottage in Blackwood, and another at a farm house in Carluke parish.

(c) *Dispensary or other Out-patients' Department.*

Only a few visits have been made by the Medical Officer of Health to patients in their own homes. Owing to the scattered nature of the district, a dispensary building has so far not been considered necessary.

(d) *Staff Provided for Home Attendance or Visitation.*

The attendance of patients at home has always been carried out by the family physician.

B.—ESTIMATE OF THE BED ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED FOR THE AREA GENERALLY.

There has not been the same demand for hospital treatment in the Upper Ward District of the County as there has been in the other two districts. That is the general experience with regard to institutional treatment in the more rural parts of the County; nor is there the same need for institutional treatment, as the residences have frequently garden ground available, where chalets can be erected. Should further bed accommodation be required, a special pavilion for consumptive patients could be erected at the District Hospital, Roadmeetings. Probably one or two beds could be reserved at Douglas at the expense of the District Committee.

J.T.W.

MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT.

I.—AN ACCOUNT OF THE WORK DONE.

Notification and Visitation.—Arrangements were made for the voluntary notification of pulmonary phthisis in June, 1905, and in December, 1907, the disease was made compulsorily notifiable. The number of cases brought under notice each year since 1906 are here given:—

Voluntary Notification.

Year.	New Cases Notified.	Fatal Cases not Notified.	Total Cases Recorded.
1906, ...	252	101	353
1907, ...	189	92	281
	441	193	634

Compulsory Notification.

1908, ...	301	43	344
1909, ...	338	52	390
1910, ...	370	30	400
1911, ...	336	24	360
	1,345	149	1,494
Annual Average,	338	37	373

This statement shows that since 1908, when the disease became compulsorily notifiable, a considerable number of deaths were registered without the illness having been notified. For the first two years the deaths so registered were 43 and 52 respectively. During the next two years there is a considerable decrease of fatal cases not notified, but the average for the whole four years—1908-11—is 37. As a medical practitioner had been in attendance on all these cases before a fatal issue occurred, a communication was sent to each practitioner who certified the death calling attention to the provisions of the Notification Act. The replies received showed that the medical attendant in some cases had not realised his responsibility under the Act.

During the years 1910-11, 292 fatal cases had been previously notified, but it can be shown that most of these cases were in an advanced stage of the disease before the notification was received, from the short time that elapsed between the date of notification and date of death.

65	died within	1 month	from the date of notification.
60	„	1—3 months	„ „
36	„	3—6 months	„ „
51	„	6—12 months	„ „
80	„	over a year after	„ „
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From all this we may conclude that many persons with early symptoms of the disease escape detection, and that the prevalence of the disease is greater than the notification statistics indicate.

The average rate of incidence per thousand of the population was 1·86, and the average death-rate per thousand was 0·90.

The patients have also been classified according to their social condition, distinguishing between those who would be insured under the Insurance Act and those who would not be insured. The result is shown in the following table:—

NOTIFIED CASES OF PULMONARY PHTHISIS CLASSIFIED IN RELATION TO THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911.

	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	Total.
Married Women, ...	66	53	74	86	82	77	438
Children—16 years, ...	40	41	60	82	91	89	403
Non-Workers — 16 years and over, ...	25	8	19	16	14	25	107
NON-INSURED—Total, ...	131	102	153	184	187	191	948
INSURED Workers—16 years and over, ...	121	87	148	154	183	145	838
Total Cases, ...	252	189	301	338	370	336	1,786

Of the total 1,786 cases, no fewer than 438 were married women, 403 were children under 16 years of age, 107 were persons over 16 years but not engaged in manual labour, thus leaving only 838 who would be insured and eligible for sanatorium benefit. Should all forms of tuberculosis be dealt with, the porportion of non-insured persons will be increased. For example, we find that, during the five years ending 1911, an average of 181 deaths was registered from pulmonary phthisis, while the average number of deaths from other forms of tuberculosis was 174. Most of the latter were children under 16 years of age.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT.—A tabular statement is appended, which shows that of 2,028 cases notified up to 31st May of this year, 1,163 have been treated in hospital. It also shows the number of those notified and treated who are still surviving in the district. Looking at the progress of events, year by year, we find that after five or six years only a few cases remain on our records.

Taking the 865 cases treated at home, 493 are known to have died, 93 have left the district, 69 cannot be traced, and 58 were notified from poorhouses. Of the cases still surviving, 76 are at work, 43 have improved in health, and 33 have not improved. Of the 1,163 cases treated in hospital, 526 are known to have died, 183 have left the district, and 55 cannot be traced. Of the cases still surviving, 174 are at work, 150 are improved in health, and 75 have not improved. Thus the total number of cases under observation at present is 551, and, so far as I am aware, every one desirous of hospital treatment has been accommodated in the District Hospitals.

TABLE SHOWING THE RESULTS OF INQUIRIES IN TRACING PERSONS KNOWN TO BE SUFFERING FROM PULMONARY PHTHISIS, DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN THOSE TREATED AT HOME AND THOSE TREATED IN HOSPITAL.

Treated at Home.

Year.	Cases.	Died.	Left District.	Not Traced.	Institution.	Present Condition. At Work.	Present Condition. Impr.	Present Condition. Not Impr
1905,	12	9	2	1	...	...	...	...
1906,	91	49	12	23	...	4	1	2
1907,	59	35	4	8	3	8	...	1
1908,	170	107	16	12	15	13	7	...
1909,	180	108	31	17	9	7	5	3
1910,	138	75	14	5	19	20	5	...
1911,	147	84	12	3	11	20	12	5
Up to 31st May, 1912,	68	26	2	...	1	4	13	22
Total,	865	493	93	69	58	76	43	33

Treated in Hospital.

1905,	80	54	13	5	...	4	2	2
1906,	161	105	32	7	...	12	1	4
1907,	130	73	31	6	...	12	4	4
1908,	131	60	31	11	...	20	5	4
1909,	158	75	23	4	...	32	16	8
1910,	232	88	45	14	...	52	27	6
1911,	189	61	8	8	...	38	51	23
Up to 31st May, 1912,	82	10	...	...	...	4	44	24
Total,	1,163	526	183	55	...	174	150	75
Grand Total,	2,028	1,019	276	124	58	250	193	108

II.—FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF WORK.

(Report required by the Local Government Board.)

A.—MEANS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

(a) *Existing Institutions.*

STONEHOUSE.—This hospital has been set aside for the treatment of tuberculosis since the latter part of the year 1905. It has two ward-pavilions. The larger pavilion has two wards of equal size, with a nominal capacity of 10 beds. With open windows, however, it has been able to accommodate as many as 20 consumptive patients, but many of these were children under 16 years of age. The smaller pavilion has four wards, with a nominal capacity as follows:—at either end two wards with two beds each, and in the centre two single bed wards. One of these

end wards has been utilised as a patient's dining hall. With consumptive patients the bed accommodation has been practically doubled, so that 8 patients have been accommodated in this smaller pavilion. In the front part of the grounds there are 1 chalet and 2 shelters. The chalet contains 4 beds, and each shelter 2 beds. These are all in use. With the existing accommodation we are thus able to accommodate 34 patients, and when the new dining hall has been built other 4 patients, making 38 in all. Indeed, with a few additional shelters, 50 beds could at once be provided at this hospital, which has been worked as a sanatorium on popular lines, with considerable success. During 1911 the admissions were 104.

Longriggend.—This hospital has also been recently set aside for the treatment of consumptive patients. It is situated about 5 miles to the east of Airdrie, in New Monkland Parish, and is not so accessible as Stonehouse. The permanent structures are similar to those at Stonehouse, and the Committee have presently under consideration the arrangements which require to be made for staffing. The accommodation might be put down at 30 beds. During 1911 the admissions were 54.

Bellshill.—During an epidemic prevalence of scarlet fever this hospital has been partly occupied by such cases. This happened during the latter part of 1910 and 1911. Otherwise the accommodation has been available for consumptive patients. This hospital is so convenient to populous areas that most of the cases in the advanced stage of the disease have been treated here. The four old wards have a nominal capacity of 4 beds each. The new pavilion consists of two wards, with a nominal capacity of 12 beds. The total accommodation, with open windows, for consumptive patients always available here in the absence of smallpox might be reckoned at 30. During 1911 the admissions were 99.

Shotts.—A chalet was provided at this hospital two years ago, and is sometimes used for consumptive patients along with the large pavilion. It is difficult, however, to say that anything of a permanent nature is available here, although at present the whole of the large pavilion and the chalet are in occupation with consumptive patients. When the increased accommodation is available at Motherwell, and two motor ambulances, probably most of the acute cases in Shotts District will be removed to Motherwell. During 1911 only 10 consumptive patients were admitted.

Motherwell.—Any patients admitted here during the last two years suffering from tuberculosis were mostly of the glandular type, but with the ground recently acquired there will be no difficulty in providing accommodation for 32 phthisis patients within two months were that necessary.

To sum up, the total bed accommodation presently available for sanatorium purposes might be stated thus:—Stonehouse, 34; Longriggend, 26; in all 60. Hospital purposes, 30 beds at Bellshill, making a total of 90.

(b) *Beds Provided at Patients' Homes.*

Only a few shelters have been provided at patients' homes, and not one at the instance of the District Committee. The Housing of the Working Classes throughout the greater part of the Middle Ward is such that the erection of shelters is not practicable. In the rural portion of the District, where the cottages have garden ground available, shelters have been provided, but there the patients have usually sufficient means to do so at their own expense.

(c) *Dispensary or other Out-patient Departments.*

The Assistant Medical Officer of Health visits a large number of patients in their own homes, whenever the information obtained from the Doctor or the Sanitary Inspector indicates that this is necessary. Questions of diagnosis, sometimes illness in other members of the family, unsatisfactory home conditions, unwillingness to undergo sanatorium treatment in an institution or at home, are instances which may be stated as requiring visits. A dispensary and new waiting room is about to be provided at the large County Hospital, Motherwell, and plans are presently before the Board for approval.

Presently the old Blanytre Hospital is being put in order, with 12 beds, and will shortly be used as a dispensary for the prevention, detection, and treatment of consumptives.

(d) *Staff Provided for Home-attendance or Visitation.*

The attendance on patients at home has always been carried out by the family physician. The three health visitors, who are Queen's nurses, are sometimes required to visit cases, but never with the view to rendering such assistance as may be described as "home attendance." The visits are almost entirely concerned with preventive measures. The provision of medical and nursing attendance upon patients at home will be a new departure, although the Board call special attention to the powers given to Local Authorities under Section 66 of the Public Health Act, supplementing hospital provision by a system of nursing and domiciliary medical treatment.

B.—ESTIMATE OF BED ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED FOR THE AREA GENERALLY.

I am not aware that a single patient brought under my notice has been denied sanatorium treatment since the year 1906. Occasionally a patient might have had to wait for ten days or so until the arrangements for admission could be completed. The bed accommodation available as above described has been more than sufficient to meet the wants of the community. No doubt there are many persons suffering from the early stages of consumption who are not being notified, and probably special accommodation for such cases will be required. Whenever this is necessary, I am sure the District Committee will be only too willing to arrange for the erection, at Hairmyres or elsewhere, of the necessary bed accommodation.

C.—OTHER INSTITUTIONS—OPEN AIR-SCHOOLS, CONVALESCENT HOMES, &c.

Institutions of this character are not known in the Middle Ward District to be available for County ratepayers. A home for the young children of consumptive mothers has been prepared at Dalserf Hospital. Many mothers requiring institutional treatment cannot be removed from their homes until such provision is made.

D.—CORRELATED ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION.

In the treatment of paupers, or even poor persons who are not yet on the roll, Parish Council Clerks have always been communicated with. In this way a certain amount of co-operation has been secured, both with regard to relief afforded dependants and with regard to the giving of warm clothing to the patients As to future administrative action, every effort will be made to co-operate with other authorities. A meeting with Burgh Medical Officers of Health has been held, and others will probably follow.

STAFF.—The staffing arrangements, so far as the Middle Ward of the County are concerned, could be met by appointing two clinical assistant Medical Officers of Health, at a commencing salary of £300 each. These clinical assistants would visit every case of tuberculosis, and could undertake all the dispensary work. They would be well experienced not only in the recognition and treatment of tuberculosis on modern approved lines, but also would be able to report on all the preventive aspects which a visit to the home would bring to light. Two trained nurses would also be required to visit the homes, and assist in carrying out domiciliary medical treatment, either under the direction of the family physician or the specially appointed Asst. Medical Officer of Health.

J.T.W.

LOWER WARD DISTRICT.

I.—AN ACCOUNT OF THE WORK DONE.

Notification and Visitation.—Arrangements were made for the voluntary notification of pulmonary phthisis in June, 1905, and in November, 1907, the disease was made compulsorily notifiable. The number of cases brought under notice each year since 1906 are here given:—

Voluntary Notification.

Year.	New Cases Notified.	Fatal Cases not Notified.	Total Cases Recorded.
1906, ...	72	40	112
1907, ...	66	34	100
	138	74	212

Compulsory Notification.

1908, ...	50	9	59
1909, ...	70	21	91
1910, ...	69	10	79
1911, ...	59	12	71
Total, ...	248	52	300
Annual Average,	62	13	75

This statement shows that since 1908, when compulsory notification began, no fewer than 52 deaths were registered in which the illness had never been notified. This gives an average of 13 fatal cases which have occurred annually without the illness having been notified. As a medical practitioner had been in attendance on all these cases before the fatal issue occurred, a communication was sent to each practitioner who certified these deaths, calling attention to the provisions of the Notification Act, yet we find that last year 12 cases had not been notified. In some cases the medical practitioner replied stating that he was unaware that the disease was compulsorily notifiable; in other cases he had previously notified the case to another Local Authority, and did not think it was necessary to notify again. A few apologised, saying that the matter had quite slipped their memory.

During the same period 147 fatal cases had been previously notified, but it can be shown that most of these cases were in an advanced stage of the disease before the notification was received, from the short time that elapsed between the date of notification and date of death.

38	died	within 1 month	from the date of	notification.
34	„	1—3 months	„	„ „
28	„	3—6 months	„	„ „
20	„	6—12 months	„	„ „
27	„	over a year after the	„	„
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From all this we may conclude that many persons with early symptoms of the disease escape detection, and that the prevalence of the disease is greater than notification statistics indicate.

The average rate of incidence per thousand of the population was 1·44, and the average death-rate per thousand was 0·92.

The patients have also been classified according to their social condition, distinguishing between those who would be insured under the Insurance Act and those who would not be insured. The result is shown in the following table:—

NOTIFIED CASES OF PULMONARY PHTHISIS CLASSIFIED IN RELATION TO THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911.

	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	Total.
Married Women, ...	24	16	15	19	18	18	110
Children—16 years, ...	8	17	13	10	14	10	72
Non-Workers—16 years and over, ...	2	2	1	3	3	3	14
Non-Insured—Total,	34	35	29	32	35	31	196
Insured Workers—16 years and over, ...	38	31	21	38	34	28	190
Total, ...	72	66	50	70	69	59	386

Of the total 386 cases, no fewer than 110 were married women, 72 were children under 16 years of age, 14 were persons over 16 years but not engaged in manual labour, thus leaving only 190 who would be insured and eligible for sanatorium benefit. Should all forms of tuberculosis be dealt with, the proportion of non-insured persons will be increased. For example, we find that during the five years ending 1911, an average of 52 deaths was registered from pulmonary phthisis, while the average number of deaths from other forms of tuberculosis was 42. Now most of the latter were children under 16 years of age.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT.—A tabular statement is appended, which shows that of 437 cases notified up to 31st May of this year, no less than 209, or 46 per cent., had received hospital treatment. It also shows the number of those notified and treated who are still surviving in the district. Looking at the progress of events, year by year, we find that after five or six years only a few cases remain on our records. Taking the 228 cases treated at home, 128 are known to have died, 38 have left the district, and 21 cannot be traced. Of the cases still surviving, 13 are at work, 21 have improved in health, and 7 have not improved. Of the 209 cases treated in hospital, 96 are known to have died, 31 have left the district, and 21 cannot be traced. Of the cases still surviving, 18 are at work, 40 are improved in health, and 3 have not improved. Thus the total number of cases under observation at present is 102, and, so far as I am aware, every one desirous of hospital treatment has been accommodated at Lightburn Hospital.

TABLE SHOWING THE RESULT OF INQUIRIES IN TRACING PERSONS KNOWN TO BE SUFFERING FROM PULMONARY PHTHISIS, DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN THOSE TREATED AT HOME AND THOSE TREATED IN HOSPITAL.

Home.

Year.	Cases.	Died.	Left District.	Not Traced.	Present Condition. At Work.	Impr.	Not Impr.
1906,	29	16	7	4	...	2	...
1907,	22	17	3	1	1	...	...
1908,	32	21	6	2	1	2	...
1909,	46	32	4	5	3	2	...
1910,	41	25	8	2	3	3	...
1911,	30	9	6	4	3	7	1
Up to 31st May, 1912,	28	8	4	3	2	5	6
Total,	228	128	38	21	13	21	7

Hospital.

1906,	43	22	8	10	2	1	...
1907,	44	33	5	1	3	1	1
1908,	18	7	4	3	2	2	...
1909,	24	11	6	3	3	1	...
1910,	28	12	2	2	3	8	1
1911,	29	8	5	2	5	8	1
Up to 31st May, 1912,	23	3	1	...	...	19	...
Total,	209	96	31	21	18	40	3
Grand total,	437	224	69	42	31	61	10
							102

II.—FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF WORK.

(Report required by the Local Government Board.)

A.—MEANS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

(a) *Existing Conditions.*

At Lightburn Joint-Hospital one pavilion has been set aside specially for the treatment of consumptive patients, and has from 16 to 18 beds. There is also one shelter for two beds. This hospital has been largely utilised for the Lower Ward District, and during the last twelve months no consumptive patients from the Middle Ward District have been sent there. The bed accommodation here might therefore be reckoned as wholly available for the Lower Ward District, and might be stated at 20 beds.

(b) *Beds provided at Patients' Home.*

No shelters have been provided at patients' homes at the expense of the District Committee; whether any have been provided privately is not known.

(c) *Dispensary or other Out-patient Departments.*

The Asst. Medical Officer of Health has made a large number of visits to patients in their own homes, and should the Shettleston and Tollcross area remain in the Lower Ward District the work will be developed on the lines indicated in the Local Government Board's circular.

(d) *Staff Provided for Home Attendance or Visitation.*

The attendance of patients at home has always been carried out by the family physician, although the Health Visitor, who is a trained nurse, has visited certain cases where her services seemed to be required.

B.—ESTIMATE OF THE BED ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED FOR THE AREA GENERALLY.

The bed accommodation at present available seems to have been sufficient to meet the requirements of the community, although in the year 1909, owing to Lightburn Hospital being busy with ordinary acute infections, it was found necessary to remove patients to the Middle Ward Hospital at Bellshill at the expense of the Lower Ward District Committee.

Further accommodation for all forms and stages of the disease can be found at Hairmyres, which is also convenient to the Burgh of Rutherglen.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

JOINT-COMMITTEE *RE* NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT.

8th August, 1912.

At SHOTTS, and within the Station Hotel, there, upon Thursday, 8th August, 1912, being a Meeting of the Joint-Committee appointed by the County Council and the several District Committees in regard to the provision of Sanatoria for the Treatment of Tuberculosis.

Present—

As representing the County Council.

GEORGE FRASER. | ROBERT LAMBIE.
JOHN D. SCOTT.

As representing the Upper Ward District Committee.

Rev. C. M'KUNE.

As representing the Middle Ward District Committee.

JOHN C. BURNS. | ALEXANDER HAMILTON.
JAMES CAMERON. | JOHN LOUDON.
W. W. CHAPMAN. | DAVID THOMSON.
THOMAS WATT.

As representing the Lower Ward District Committee.

LAWRENCE MAXTON. | A. H. J. BRIGGS.

Attending—

A. W. PATERSON, Clerk to the District Committee of the Upper Ward.
W. E. WHYTE, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.
J. G. KENNEDY, as representing Dr. Hill, Clerk to the District Committee of the Lower Ward.
Dr. JOHN A. WATT, as representing Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.
W. M. MARSHALL, Clerk to Lanark County Insurance Committee.

Chairman.

Mr. Robert Lambie was appointed chairman of the Joint-Committee.

National Insurance Act.—Provision of sanatoria for treatment of tuberculosis.

The chairman having reminded the meeting of the terms of the National Insurance Act as regards the provision of sanatoria for the treatment of tuberculosis, and the accommodation which they had that day inspected at the various hospitals which might be set aside for the treatment of such cases, it was agreed, after consideration, to remit to the County Clerk, County Medical Officer, the three District Clerks, along with Mr. W. M. Marshall, Clerk to the Lanark County Insurance Committee, to prepare a report dealing with the whole question of sanatoria and other treatment for tuberculosis, with special regard to the co-relation of the work of the various authorities interested in the question.

14th August, 1912.

14th August, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 14th August, 1912, being a Meeting of the Joint-Committee appointed by the County Council and the several District Committees in regard to the provision of Sanatoria for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

Present—

As representing the County Council.

George Fraser.	William Speirs.
Robert Lambie.	Colonel King Stewart.
John D. Scott.	John Wheatley.

As representing the Middle Ward District Committee.

John C. Burns.	Alexander Hamilton.
James Cameron.	James C. Pollok.
W. W. Chapman.	William Templeton.

David Thomson.

As representing the Lower Ward District Committee.

A. H. J. Briggs.

Attending—

A. W. Paterson, Clerk to the District Committee of the Upper Ward.
W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.
W. S. Bruce, Sanitary Inspector, as representing Dr. Hill, Clerk to the District Committee of the Lower Ward.
Dr. Watt, as representing Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

Chairman.

Mr. Robert Lambie, chairman of the joint-committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Tuberculosis.—Provision of sanatoria.—Communication from Town-Clerk, Hamilton.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a communication which he had received from the Town-Clerk of Hamilton, transmitting Minutes of Conference of Burghal Local Authorities, held on 6th instant, at which it was unanimously agreed that, if possible, the County Council and the District Committees should be associated with the burghs in considering how far combination was practicable in the provision of sanatoria and other facilities for the treatment of patients suffering from tuberculosis.

Finding of meeting.

The meeting, after consideration, instructed the Clerk to inform the Town-Clerk of Hamilton that the County Council and the District Committees had instructed a comprehensive report to be prepared, and that until this had been done and the matter fully considered in the light of that report, the Joint-Committee, while appreciating the suggestion which had emanated from the burghs, felt that at this stage they could not usefully take any definite action in the direction indicated by the burghs.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there upon Wednesday, 5th June, 1912, being a meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 5th June, 1912.

Present—

William Barr.	Robert Lambie.
Colonel Buchanan.	Colonel Logan.
Robert G. Carson.	William Neilson.
Walter C. B. Christie.	Alexander Pillans.
Thomas G. Cowan.	William Spiers.
William L. Dyer.	Colonel King Stewart.
George Fraser.	William Templeton.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.	James C. Hope Vere.

Mr. Neilson, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 1st May, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

Accounts and requisitions amounting, for the period to 15th May, to £70,313 5s. 9d., and from that date amounting to £3,073 2s. 6d., were laid before the meeting, and having been examined, were passed for payment. *Accounts and requisitions.*

The Clerk explained that, with reference to the instructions given to him on 7th February last, to devise, if possible, a system whereby the accounts passed by the committee each month could be included in one cheque, to be operated on by the County Treasurer, instead of a cheque for each payment being signed by two members, as at present, he had, with the approval of, and in conjunction with the County Auditor, formulated such a scheme, and he submitted a copy of his letter to the Royal Bank explanatory of the working thereof. The letter was in the following terms:— *Change in method of keeping bank account of County Fund.* *Letter sent to Royal Bank explanatory of the working of new system.*

"County Offices,
"Hamilton, 16*th May*, 1912.

"Dear Sirs,

"For some time the question of consolidating the bank accounts of the County Council has been under consideration.

"I am to say that it is proposed to effect this from now, and to have hereafter only the following accounts:—

1. County Fund.
2. Police Pension Fund.
3. No. 2.

"The County Fund Account and the Police Pension Fund Account will be operated on as usual by two members of the Finance Committee and the County Clerk.

"The intention is that, instead of having a separate cheque signed by two members of Committee for each amount passed for payment, one cheque for the total amount sanctioned for payment will be passed by the Finance Committee on the County Fund Account or Police Pension Fund Account, as the case may be, for the credit of No. 2 Account, which account will be operated on by the County Treasurer.

"The cheques to be drawn by the County Treasurer on this No. 2 Account will be included in a detailed list to be certified by the Finance Committee simultaneously with the signing of their cheque on the County Fund Account or the Police Pension Fund Account, as the case may be. This list will be then handed to you so that you may be in a position to satisfy yourself that every cheque when presented for payment on No. 2 Account has been authorised, and any cheque not so authorised is not to be paid.

"It is an essential part of the scheme that the bank undertakes that no sums will be placed to credit of No. 2 Account, except the proceeds of cheques properly drawn upon either the County Fund Account or the Police Pension Fund Account, and that under no circumstances will an overdraft on No. 2 Account be permitted.

"The County Council are advised that the procedure proposed is an absolute compliance with the terms of Section 75 of the Local Government Act of 1889.

"If a suitable form can be devised, it is proposed to combine with the County Treasurer's cheque a form of receipt.

"For your information, and in order that there may be no misunderstanding, I beg to hand you:—

(1) Excerpt from minutes of the Finance Meeting of the County Council authorising the change.

(2) Form of certificate by the Finance Committee authorising the cheques drawn by the County Treasurer on No. 2 Account to be duly honoured.

(3) Suggested form of combined cheque and receipt on No. 2 Account.

Note.—It was originally intended to adopt the form marked 3B., but on looking into the matter it seems doubtful whether such a document could be considered a cheque in law.

It would be a favour to have the benefit of the opinion of the bank thereon, and an additional favour to have their recommendation as to the form of cheque or pay warrant, if any, that should be adopted to ensure that what is granted is beyond doubt a cheque in law, while achieving the purposes of a receipt.

(4) Suggested form of bank pass book.

"With reference to the combined cheques and receipts, I am to say that it would be necessary to get these up at the end of a month or so, to be put away with the appropriate accounts. The official list could, however, be kept by you, and a receipt would be given for the cheques taken up. I understand this is the practice adopted elsewhere, under similar circumstances.

"I trust I have made sufficiently clear the principle upon which it is proposed to work the County Fund payments this year, but if not, I shall be pleased to clear up any points regarding which you may be doubtful.

"I shall be glad to have any observations that may occur to you, at your early convenience, and when writing you may be good enough to return the papers.

"Yours faithfully,

"*for* THOS. MUNRO,
"*County Clerk,*

"J. M'GHIE.

"The Agents,
Royal Bank of Scotland,
"Hamilton."

The Clerk also submitted a letter from the Bank Agents in reply, stating that "the Manager states that the arrangements proposed, as detailed in your letter, are quite satisfactory from the Bank's point of view, with this exception that the Bank would strongly deprecate the idea of having a combined form of cheque and receipt. They agree that it is very doubtful whether such a document can be considered a cheque in law, and the Manager says that for this and other reasons they have, without exception, advised their customers not to adopt it in the few instances in which it has been suggested to them." *Reply by Bank.*

The Clerk, having explained that he agreed with the official view of the Bank, the meeting approved of his suggestion to depart from the proposal to have a receipt form combined with the cheque.

Under the new arrangements just explained, a cheque for £3,073 2s. 6d., for the credit of No. 2 account, was signed by the Chairman and Mr. Lambie, who also signed the certificate prefixed to the list addressed to the Bank detailing the cheques which the County Treasurer had been authorised to issue against the above amount. *Cheque signed.*

Under reference to the minutes of 10th January last, when it was agreed—to meet the criticisms of the County Auditor—that the documents of debt for temporary loans should be signed by two members of the committee as well as by the County Clerk, and sealed with the Common Seal, the Clerk submitted a statement of loans, amounting to £44,353 14s. 1d., taken since 15th May. which was the date arranged for the new system being brought into operation. The meeting appointed the Chairman and Colonel King Stewart to sign the acknowledgments, and instructed the Clerk to seal them with the Common Seal. The meeting agreed that in future the documents of debt should be executed by any two members of the Finance Committee, and signed and sealed by the Clerk, according as necessity arose. *System of borrowing by way of temporary loans.* *Remit to any two members to sign acknowledgments.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the following statement of loan indebtedness, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee, viz. :— *Statement of Loan Indebtedness.*

STATEMENT OF LOAN INDEBTEDNESS AS AT 1ST JUNE, 1912.

Loan indebtedness reported at last meeting, ...		£947,730	0 9
Loans taken since last meeting, ...	£44,616 0 0		
Loans repaid do, ...	43,816 11 4		
		799	8 8
		£948,529	9 5
Sums due to Bank on capital accounts, ...		3,876	19 8
		£952,406	9 1

The County Fund stands at £29,313 13s. 7d. to the credit made up as follows —

On Deposit Receipt, ...	£15.000 0 0
On Account Current, ...	14,313 13 7
	£29,313 13 7

As relative to the above statement, the Clerk submitted a certificate by the Royal Bank of Scotland of the amount on deposit receipt. *Bank Certificate.*

There were laid before the meeting requisitions by the District Committee of the Middle Ward for sums required in connection with the Middle Ward Water Undertaking, viz. :— *Middle Ward Water requisitions.*

No. 155 (new), dated 15th May, 1912, £59 12s. 3d.
No. 158 (old), dated 15th May, 1912, £115 18s. 3d.

Valuation of Public Undertakings.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting an Abstract of the Valuation of Public Undertakings for 1912-13 as valued by the Assessor of Railways, &c., which was as follows:—

ABSTRACT OF VALUATIONS OF PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS FOR 1912-13 AND COMPARISON WITH 1911-12.

	1912-13.	1911-12.	Increase.	Decrease.
Caledonian Railway, ...	£140,267	£118,796	£21,471	—
Caledonian and Glasgow and South-Western Railways (Glasgow and Paisley Joint Line),	3,604	3,290	314	—
Glasgow District Subway, ...	5,372	5,950	—	£578
North British Railway, ...	37,963	35,172	2,791	—
Caledonian, North British, and Glasgow and South-Western Railways (Prince's Dock Joint Line), ...	888	780	108	—
Glasgow Corporation Tramways, ...	48,276	45,625	2,651	—
Lanarkshire Tramways, ...	16,571	14,254	2,317	—
Glasgow Corporation Water, ...	7,763	7,649	114	—
Glasgow Corporation Gas, ...	7,881	7,847	34	—
Glasgow Corporation Electricity, ...	55	55	—	—
Burgh of Kirkintilloch Water, ...	65	72	—	7
	£268,705	£239,490	£29,800	£585

Total Increase, ...	£29,800
Total Decrease, ...	585
Increase, ...	£29,215

Staff Salaries.

In accordance with the instructions that a statement of the staff salaries should be annually submitted to the committee for consideration, the Clerk submitted such a statement, as at 15th May last, when, after discussion, it was agreed to remit the matter to the following sub-committee for consideration and report, viz.:—

William Neilson. Colonel King Stewart.
William Speirs. James C. Hope Vere.

Mr. Neilson to be chairman of the sub-committee and two a quorum.

Purchase of site from Mr. Darling for slaughter-house at Forth.

The Clerk having submitted a communication, dated 22nd May, 1912, from the Clerk to the Upper Ward District Committee stating that the District Committee proposed to acquire an acre of land on West Forth Farm from Mr. Darling, of Forth, for a site for a slaughter-house at a cost of £175, the meeting approved.

Letter from Mansion House Association on Railway and Canal Traffic regarding Railways Bill.

There was laid before the meeting a letter from the Mansion House Association on Railway and Canal Traffic, of date 2nd May, stating that the Association were of opinion that the principal provisions of the Railways Bill were seriously prejudicial to the trading community, and that the motion for the second reading of the Bill should be opposed, and inviting the co-operation of the County Council in the matter, and requesting a contribution to the funds of the Association. The Clerk having reminded the meeting of the previous action of the Council in this connection, it was agreed, subject to the approval of the auditor being obtained, to make a contribution of £1 1s.

Application relative to borrowing.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting an application for the consent of the committee to the borrowing of the sum of £3,000 for the introduction of a gravitation water supply to Symington Special Water District from springs on the estate of St. John's Kirk, and the meeting, having considered the application, agreed to recommend the borrowing of the sum specified, subject to the consent of the Standing Joint Committee being obtained, and the Clerk was instructed to submit the application to that committee for their consent.

3rd July, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 3rd July, 1912, being a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 3rd July, 1912.

Present—

William Barr.	Colonel Logan.
William L. Dyer.	William Neilson.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.	William Templeton.

James C. Hope Vere.

Mr. Neilson, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 5th June, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

Accounts and requisitions, as per Cash Book, amounting in all to £26,223 0s. 7d., were laid before the meeting, and the same, having been examined, were passed for payment, the Cash Book being initialed by the Chairman and Mr. Templeton. *Accounts and requisitions.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the following statement of loan indebtedness, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee, viz. :— *Statement of Loan Indebtedness.*

Statement of Loan Indebtedness as at 29th June, 1912.

Loan indebtedness reported at last meeting, ...		£948,529 9 5
Loans repaid since last meeting, ...	£8,795 18 7	
Loans taken since last meeting, ...	7,045 0 0	
		1,750 18 7
		£946,778 10 10
Sums due to Bank on Capital Accounts, ...		5,235 16 11
		£952,014 7 9

The County Fund stands at £18,741 to the credit.

There were laid before the meeting requisitions by the District Committee of the Middle Ward for sums required in connection with the Middle Ward Water Undertaking, viz. :— *Middle Ward Water Requisitions.*

No. 156 (new), dated 29th June, 1912—£44 8s. 6d.
No. 159 (old), dated 27th June, 1912—£1,029 1s. 1d

The Clerk reported that the Special Case presently in the Court of Session with regard to the decision of the Sheriff Principal in the County's claim against the Town Council of Motherwell under the Motherwell Burgh Extension Act, 1908, had been argued before the First Division of the Court on 5th and 6th ultimo and taken to avizandum. *Motherwell Burgh Extension Act.—Special case.*

The Clerk submitted a letter from the Town-Clerk of Govan, of date 13th June, intimating a request by the Town Council of that Burgh for a contribution in respect of the administration of the Weights and Measures Acts within the Burgh. The Clerk reminded the meeting of the terms of the Agreement arrived at at a Conference of County Clerks and Police Burgh Clerks of Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire, held in 1894, as to the administration of certain Statutes, those relating to the Weights and Measures Acts being in the following terms, viz. :— *Weights and Measures.—Request by Town Council of Govan.*

(1) That the administration should continue to be carried out by the present County officials, who should also be appointed by the Commissioners of the Police Burghs situated within their respective districts to act in the areas within the jurisdiction of the Burgh Authorities.

(2) That the expense of administration should, as hitherto, be defrayed out of the County General Assessment, leviable upon the whole County, including Police Burghs.

(3) That all fees received for stamping and adjusting weights and measures be paid into the County Fund.

(4) That the expenses of prosecutions before the Burgh Courts be borne by the Burgh Authority, who shall receive the fines which may be recovered in such cases.

The meeting, after consideration, and having been advised that the Town Council of Govan had departed from the foregoing arrangement by appointing their own Inspector of Weights and Measures, were of opinion that it would not be competent for them to accede to the request of the Town Council, and instructed the Clerk to remind the Town-Clerk of Govan of the foregoing arrangements which the County Council were still willing to recognise.

Purchase of site for Shotts Slaughter-house.

There having been submitted a communication, dated 7th June, from the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee, with reference to a proposal by the District Committee to acquire about three-fourths of an acre of land on West Calderhead Estate, Shotts, from Colonel Forrest, for a site for a public slaughter-house, at a cost of 2s. per pole, the meeting approved

Letter of thanks from Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science (Incorporated).

The Clerk submitted a letter, dated 27th June, from the Secretary of the Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science (Incorporated), conveying the thanks of the Governors for the contribution from this County towards the funds of the College.

Maintenance of youthful offender in Dalry House Reformatory.

The Clerk stated that on behalf of the County Council he had agreed to grant the usual contribution for the maintenance of a girl named Mary Wilson, Larkhall, who had been sent as a youthful offender to Dalry House Reformatory Loanhead, Midlothian, and the meeting approved.

Increases of salaries of Public Health Staff.

The Clerk reported that the Public Health Committee, at their meeting held on 22nd May, had agreed to recommend that increases of salary should be granted to junior members of the County Medical Officer's staff, as follows:—

Thomas Stewart (laboratory assistant), ...	£65 to £75
Harry Brown (clerk), ...	£35 to £45
Althol Williamson (clerk), ...	£35 to £40
Thos. Russell (office boy), ...	£15 to £25

the increases to take effect as from and after 15th May last. The meeting approved.

Applications relative to borrowing.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting applications for the consent of the committee to the borrowing of the following sums to meet the cost of capital works, viz.:—

UPPER WARD.

(1) £120 for two extensions of the distributing pipes in the Forth Special Water District;

(2) £900 for the erection of a public slaughter-house at Forth.

MIDDLE WARD.

(1) £130 for the reconstruction of a sewer in Crofthead Street, Uddingston, within the Uddingston Special Drainage District;

(2) £200 for the provision and erection of lamp pillars and lamps and the laying of service pipes within the Glengowan and Caldercruix Special Lighting District;

(3) £343, being the purchase price of sewers in connection with the Hamilton Road Special Drainage District;

(4) £12 for the purchase of five new lamp heads and the erection of three additional lamps within the Baillieston Special Lighting District;

(5) £2,700 for the erection of additional buildings and the provision of a new boiler, &c., at Stonehouse Hospital;

(6) £19, being the proportion payable by the Middle Ward District Committee for the erection of a wash-house in connection with the chauffeur's house and the erection of a store for petrol at Lightburn Joint-Hospital.

THE COUNTY.

£400 for the provision of additional fire hydrants in the District of the Middle Ward.

The meeting, having considered the above applications and the information submitted in relation to them, agreed to recommend the borrowing of the sums above specified, subject to the consent of the Standing Joint-Committee being obtained, and the Clerk was instructed to submit the applications to that committee for their consent.

Next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the committee should be held on the first Wednesday of September, and that it be remitted to any two members to pass accounts and requisitions and sign cheques for any payments which might require to be made in the interval. The Clerk was, however, authorised to call, with the chairman's approval, a special meeting of the committee to consider the remit from the County Council in connection with the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act should this be found necessary, and to take up any other competent business.

31st July, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 31st July, 1912, being a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

WILLIAM BARR.	Colonel LOGAN.
ROBERT G. CARSON.	WILLIAM NEILSON.
WALTER C. B. CHRISTIE.	WILLIAM SPEIRS.
WILLIAM L. DYER.	JOHN D. SCOTT.
GEORGE FRASER.	WILLIAM TEMPLETON.

Chairman.

Mr. Neilson, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Explanation for calling meeting on this date.

The chairman explained that, in view of the discretion given to him at last meeting, he had thought it necessary to authorise this meeting to be called.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 3rd July, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Accounts and requisitions.

Accounts and requisitions, as per cash book, amounting in all to £5,771 0s. 2d., were laid before the meeting, and the same, having been examined, were passed for payment, the cash book being initialed by the Chairman and Mr. Scott.

Statement of loan indebtedness.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the following statement of loan indebtedness, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee, viz. :—

STATEMENT OF LOAN INDEBTEDNESS AS AT 27TH JULY, 1912.

Loan indebtedness reported at last meeting, ...			£946,778 10 10
Loans taken since last meeting, ...	£24,750 0 0		
Loans repaid do., ...	7,035 0 0		
		17,715 0 0	
		£964,493 10 10	
Sums due to Bank on Capital Accounts, ...		7,536 7 2	
		£972,029 18 0	

The County Fund stands at £2,273 19s. 9d. to the credit.

Middle Ward Water.—Requisition.

There was laid before the meeting requisition No. 160 (old), dated 27th July, 1912, by the District Committee of the Middle Ward for £89 19s. 6d., required in connection with the Middle Ward Water Undertaking.

Motherwell Burgh.—Adjustment of indebtedness. — Judgment by First Division of Court of Session.

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting, the Clerk submitted a copy of the Judgment of the First Division of the Court of Session in the Special Case with regard to the decision of the Sheriff Principal in the County's claim against the Town Council of Motherwell under the Motherwell Extension Act, 1908, which he explained was unfavourable to the views put forward on behalf of the County Council.

The meeting, having been advised generally of the financial effect of the Judgment, and having heard the views of the Clerk on the legal aspect and as affecting the whole question of financial adjustments, agreed to leave the matter in his hands for further consideration.

A copy of the Interlocutor and Opinion of the Judges form appendix I. to this minute.

National Insurance Act, 1911.—Insurance of Employees.

The Clerk reported that all the County Council's employees were being treated as falling within the scope of the National Insurance Act, 1911, with the exception of the Police, for whom an application for a Certificate of Exception had been made, which, it had been intimated, would be granted.

Purchase of site for constructing Sewage Purification Works at Larkhall.

The Clerk submitted a communication, dated 8th July, from the Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward, with reference to a proposal by the District Committee to acquire land at Millheugh, Larkhall, on Raploch Estate, from Mr. Robert Lambie, at the price of £440, for the purpose of constructing sewage purification works to deal with the sewage of a portion of the Special Drainage District. The meeting, while agreed that the proposals of the District Committee were in the interest of the Special District, were of opinion that as a matter of form a revaluation of the property should be obtained, and they accordingly agreed to remit to Mr. Andrew Gow, valuator, Glasgow, to advise as to whether the price stipulated was reasonable, and the Clerk was authorised, in the event of the report being favourable, to complete the transaction.

Glasgow Boundaries Bill.—Valuation Roll for added area.

The Clerk explained to the meeting that, notwithstanding the passing of the Glasgow Corporation Boundaries Bill, the County Council remained responsible for the preparation of the current year's Valuation Roll of the area added to Glasgow, though their powers of rating cease as at 15th May last, but that as against this the Corporation are to pay the County one-half of the assessment that the County Council would have levied in the added area had that area remained in the County.

City Assessor to get early copy of Valuation Roll for added area.

In this connection the Clerk stated that it had been indicated to him by the City Assessor of Glasgow that, for the purposes of the city assessments, he would like, if it were possible, to be favoured with an early copy of the Valuation Roll, the cost of which he would be glad to meet. The meeting, having considered the matter, and heard the Clerk's view, remitted to him to give the City Assessor whatever facilities he might desire, either through the Lands Valuation Assessors or his own staff, or both, as might be arranged, it being understood that any work done by the County Clerk's staff would require to be in their own time and at any remuneration that might be arranged with Mr. Walker.

Staff Salaries.—Report by Sub-Committee.

The chairman reported the proceedings of the Sub-Committee on Staff Salaries which had met that day, as the same are set forth in the minute which forms appendix II. to this minute, and the meeting approved of the increases which had been given.

House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act. —Declaration of Secretary for Scotland determining the population of Special Districts.

The Clerk submitted a letter from the Under Secretary for Scotland enclosing copy Declaration (Appendix III.) determining the population of the Special Districts of the County as ascertained for the purposes of the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911, and intimating that, while the Order would be published in the *Edinburgh Gazette*, it was desirable that intimation should also be given locally. It was agreed to insert the Declaration in the *Glasgow Herald* and *Glasgow News*, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

Conference of Parish Councils and the County Council with reference to the rating provisions of the above Act.

The meeting agreed that the members present should represent the County Council at the Conference of Parish Councils and the County Council which had been called for Wednesday next, 7th August, to consider questions arising out of the rating provisions of the House Letting Act, with the view to steps being taken to secure uniformity of procedure in the application of the Act.

Remit from County Council.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a remit from the Special Meeting of the County Council held on 7th June. It was in the following terms:—

> "The meeting thereafter agreed that it be remitted to the Finance Committee to make such arrangements as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act."

Whole duties under Act to be undertaken by County Clerk.

The Clerk having explained the duties that would fall under the rating provisions of the Act and the alternative methods by which these could be discharged, the meeting, after consideration, were unanimously of opinion that in view of the complicated provisions of the Act and the necessity for uniformity, it was essential that the whole duties under the Act, including the preparation of a separate Assessment Roll for small dwelling houses and the issue of the relative Demand Notes, should be undertaken by the County Clerk, and he was instructed accordingly.

Recommendation that all ratepayers should have the option of paying at any one of the Collection Offices or at County Clerk's Office.

A discussion having followed as to the desirability of facilities being given to all ratepayers to make payment at any of the Collection Offices in the County, and an explanation having been made of the difficulty of adopting such a proposal under the present system of collection, whereby the Assessment Rolls, after being prepared by the County Clerk and transmitted to the District Collectors, lay, during the collection period, in different parts of the County, the Committee came to the unanimous opinion that the difficulty could be got over by making the County Clerk's Office the centre at which the Assessment Rolls should lie and to which all payments should be advised, and they agreed to recommend accordingly. The meeting further unanimously agreed to recommend that ratepayers should have the option of making payment of their rates at the County Clerk's Office.

Clerk to submit form of suggested Demand Note to next meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to submit to next meeting a form of Demand Note that would give effect to these recommendations.

Return of fees paid to Law Agents.

A request having been made for a Return of the fees paid by the County Council to Law Agents for business performed by them for the County for the last three years, it was agreed that the Clerk should prepare such a Return.

Applications relative to borrowing.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting applications for the consent of the committee to the borrowing of the following sums to meet the cost of capital works, viz. :—

UPPER WARD.

(1) £10 for the extension of distributing pipe in Carnwath Special Water District;

(2) £10 for the extension of sewer in Carnwath Special Drainage District.

MIDDLE WARD.

(1) £550 for the lease of ground at Millheugh, Larkhall, for the erection of purification works in connection with Larkhall Special Drainage District, subject to a satisfactory valuation being received in terms of the foregoing instruction;

(2) £350 for an improvement at the junction of the Stonehall and Newmill Highways near Chantinghall, Hamilton, in the Parish of Hamilton;

(3) £111 for the reconstruction of sewer in Main Street, Halfway, Cambuslang, within the Cambuslang Special Drainage District.

The meeting, having considered the above applications and the information submitted in relation to them, agreed to recommend the borrowing of the sums above specified, subject to the consent of the Standing Joint-Committee being obtained, and the Clerk was instructed to submit the applications to that committee for their consent.

31st July, 1912.

APPENDIX I.

COPY INTERLOCUTOR IN SPECIAL CASE. THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF LANARK AND BURGH OF MOTHERWELL.

EDINBURGH, 12*th July*, 1912.—The Lords having heard Counsel for the Respondents on their objections to the competency of the Special Case, repel the same, and having considered the Special Case and heard Counsel for the parties, answer the first and second questions of law in the case in the negative of the first branch and in the affirmative of the second branch of each of the said questions: Answer the third question in the negative and decern: Find the Respondents entitled to expenses, modified to two-thirds of the amount thereof, as taxed, and remit the account thereof to the Auditor to tax and to report.

DUNEDIN, I.P.D.

OPINIONS OF JUDGES IN STATED CASE, COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK *v.* BURGH OF MOTHERWELL.

12*th July*, 1912.

The LORD PRESIDENT—My Lords, this case has been stated by the Sheriff of Lanarkshire upon a requisition of the parties, for the opinion of the First Division of the Court of Session upon questions of law arising in the arbitration in which he is arbiter, which arbitration is in pursuance of a provision in the Motherwell Burgh Extension and Drainage Purification Act, which incorporates the 50th Section of the Local Government Act of 1889, and, by so doing, provides that the arbiter may make an order "for the purpose of adjusting any property, income, debts, liabilities "and expenses of the parties to the agreement, so far as affected by this Act, or such "Order or thing, and the agreement, and any other agreement authorised by this "Act to be made for the purpose of the adjustment of any property, debts, "liabilities, or financial relations, may provide for the transfer or retention of "any property, debts and liabilities, with or without any conditions, and for the "joint use of any property, and for the transfer of any duties, and for payment by "either party to the agreement in respect of property, debts, duties, and liabilities "so transferred or retained, or of such joint use, and in respect of the salary, "remuneration or compensation payable to any officer or person."

This adjustment follows upon the fact that by the Motherwell Burgh Extension and Drainage Purification Act a certain area which previously formed part of the Middle Ward of the County of Lanark was taken out of the County and put into the Burgh. The clause which deals with the power to state a Special Case is this:—The Arbiter "may state a Special Case on any question of law for the opinion of "either Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session."

Now, the learned Arbiter here pronounced what may be called a set of preliminary findings, in which he dealt with the claim of the parties as raised. In particular, the County claimed that there first must be an adjustment of the outstanding debt in such proportions as the valuation of the part taken away bore to the part retained by the County. The learned Arbiter refused to do that, and laid down certain rules according to which he proposed to decide the case; and, upon the controversy so raised, we are asked, as a question of law—"Is the Arbiter "bound to adjust said claim on the basis of——" and then is narrated the basis upon which the Arbiter said he proposed to go.

My Lords, I am of opinion that a question so stated really is not a question of law at all. It is a question of law if it was an immutable proposition that he must adjust the debt upon the basis of the apportionment of the debt. No doubt, then, that would be a question of law, and we could tell the Arbiter that he must do so. My Lords, that position in law is clearly wrong. It is for the Arbiter to find out upon what terms the adjustment is to be made. It would be possible to tell the Arbiter in certain circumstances that what he proposed to do was quite wrong—I mean I give a good illustration of that if I quote the well-known *Caterham* case, where the Arbiter proposed to give an allowance in respect of the subtraction of a valuable rateable area as such. Well, that was *ultra vires;* and, accordingly you could say of that case that that was wrong, and you must not do it. But I do not think we can lay down any one particular way in which the Arbiter is to arrive at

an adjustment, because if we did that we should be doing, I think, what the Statute has said he is to do.

There, I think the one-half of the first question is a question of law, and could be answered in the negative. The second half is not a question of law at all. There are various ways, and all I can say is that I do not find it here made out that the way in which the Arbiter proposed to go is necessarily a wrong way—in which case I could treat it as a question of law, and say that he may not do it. I do not think it is necessary for me to say whether I should have proceeded in exactly the same way or not. But, at any rate, I think the way in which the Arbiter has proceeded, and which, I think, he has clearly explained in the shortest way in the note upon the re-hearing which we have upon page 23, is quite a fair way. I do not think it is the only way he could have chosen. I think he might have proceeded in another way, and he might have proceeded in the way which began with adjustment of the debt according to the valuation, and proceeded upon the other side of the account to make other calculations.

Upon the whole matter, therefore, as regards that first portion, I am of opinion that it is not really a question of law that is put to us, but that we could answer the question of law in the first in the negative, and in the second in the affirmative.

These remarks really cover also the second head of claim. I do not think, in any case, he is bound to go the way which is put before him, and I think he may go the way he has gone, although I do not put it that he must go.

Lord KINNEAR—I agree.

Lord JOHNSTON—I also concur.

Lord MACKENZIE—I concur. I do not think there is anything to show that the Sheriff has ever taken a wrong view in law, or that he will take a wrong view in law in any of the questions for him to decide.

The LORD PRESIDENT—The third question will be answered in the negative.

APPENDIX II.

FOR PRIVATE USE ONLY.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON STAFF SALARIES.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, the 31st day of July, 1912, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Staff Salaries. 31st July, 1912.

Present—

WILLIAM NEILSON. | WILLIAM SPEIRS.

Mr. Neilson, chairman, presiding. *Chairman.*

The Clerk laid upon the table the remit from the Finance Committee, as contained in their minutes of 5th June. The remit was in the following terms :— *Remit.*

"In accordance with the instructions that a statement of the staff salaries should be annually submitted to the committee for consideration, the Clerk submitted such a statement as at 15th May last, when, after discussion, it was agreed to remit the matter to the following sub-committee for consideration and report, viz. :—

William Neilson.	Colonel King Stewart.
William Speirs.	James C. Hope Vere.

Mr. Neilson to be chairman of the sub-committee and two a quorum."

The Clerk submitted a list of the members of the staff, with particulars in each case as to length of service and present salary. He also submitted information as to the salaries paid by some other Public Authorities.

The sub-committee, having gone through the list and been advised by the County Clerk as to the duties and responsibilities of each member, were of opinion that increases should be granted to fifteen members of the staff, the total amount involved being, according to the list signed by the chairman, £235.

The committee had before them the question of grading the staff, but after consideration resolved not to make any recommendation in that direction meantime.

APPENDIX III.

HOUSE LETTING AND RATING (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1911.

I HEREBY DECLARE that the populations of the Special Districts of the County of Lanark, as ascertained for the purposes of the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911, in manner approved by me, are the populations specified in the Schedule hereunto annexed.

(Sd.) T. M'KINNON WOOD,
His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland.

SCOTTISH OFFICE,
WHITEHALL, 26*th July*, 1912.

SCHEDULE.

SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTY OF LANARK.

Within the District of the Upper Ward—	Estimated Population.
Blackwood Special Water Supply District,	2,485
Braidwood Special Water Supply District,	986
Carluke Special Water Supply District,	5,547
Carluke Special Drainage District,	5,201
Carluke Special Lighting District,	5,201
Carluke Special Scavenging District,	5,201
Carnwath Special Water Supply District,	1,900
Carnwath Special Drainage District,	964
Crawford Special Water Supply District,	209
Crosslaw Special Drainage District,	1,103
Crosslaw Special Lighting District,	346
Douglas Special Water Supply District,	1,329
Douglas Special Drainage District,	1,329
Douglas Special Lighting District,	1,329
Douglas Special Scavenging District,	1,329
Forth Special Water Supply District,	1,658
Kirkfieldbank Special Water Supply District,	851
Law Special Water Supply District,	1,868
Law Special Drainage District,	1,868
Lesmahagow Special Water Supply District,	5,411
Lesmahagow Special Drainage District,	2,226
Lesmahagow Special Lighting District,	2,226
Lesmahagow Special Scavenging District,	2,226
Roberton Special Water Supply District,	94
Symington Special Water Supply District,	316
Thankerton Special Water Supply District,	183
Thankerton Special Drainage District,	183

Within the District of the Middle Ward—

Aitkenhead and Tannochside Special Drainage District, ...	2,957
Aitkenhead and Tannochside Special Lighting District, ...	2,978
Baillieston Special Drainage District, ...	4,356
Baillieston Special Lighting District, ...	5,537
Baillieston Special Scavenging District, ...	5,537
Bellshill Special Drainage District, ...	15,219
Bellshill and Mossend Special Lighting District, ...	15,219
Bellshill and Mossend Special Scavenging District, ...	15,219
Bothwell Special Drainage District, ...	3,440
Bothwell Special Lighting District, ...	3,452
Bothwell Special Scavenging District, ...	3,452
Bothwell Park Special Lighting District, ...	1,958
Blantyre Special Drainage District, ...	15,197
Blantyre Special Lighting District, ...	15,501
Blantyre Special Scavenging District, ...	15,197
Busby Special Drainage District, ...	547
Busby Special Lighting District, ...	547
Calderbank Special Lighting District, ...	1,980
Cambuslang Special Drainage District, ...	18,994
Cambuslang Special Lighting District, ...	20,451
Cambuslang Special Scavenging District, ...	23,859
Carfin and Cleekhimin Special Drainage District, ...	2,081
Carmyle Special Lighting District, ...	1,466
Carmyle and Mount Vernon Special Scavenging District,	3,788
Chapelhall Special Drainage District, ...	1,985
Cleland and Omoa Special Drainage District, ...	2,199
Cleland and Omoa Special Lighting District, ...	3,458
Dalziel and Netherton Special Drainage District, ...	1,732
Dalziel and Netherton Special Lighting District, ...	1,732
Dalziel and Netherton Special Scavenging District, ...	1,732
East Kilbride Special Drainage District, ...	1,556
East Kilbride Special Lighting District, ...	1,556
Gartlea Special Lighting District, ...	346
Gartlea Special Scavenging District, ...	346
Hamilton Road Special Drainage District, ...	295
Hamilton Road Special Scavenging District, ...	295
Holytown Special Drainage District, ...	1,982
Holytown, New Stevenston, and Carfin Special Lighting District, ...	10,458
Holytown, New Stevenston, and Carfin Special Scavenging District, ...	10,458
Larkhall Special Drainage District, ...	12,877
Larkhall Special Lighting District, ...	13,057
Mount Vernon Special Drainage District, ...	4,376
New Stevenston Special Drainage District, ...	3,570
Newarthill Special Lighting District, ...	2,458
Newmains Special Drainage District, ...	3,923
Newmains Special Lighting District, ...	3,923
Newton and Flemington Special Drainage District, ...	4,865
North Mount Vernon Special Lighting District, ...	150
Salsburgh Special Scavenging District, ...	852
Shotts and Dykehead Special Lighting District, ...	7,424
Stonehouse Special Drainage District, ...	3,189
Stonehouse Special Lighting District, ...	3,189
Strathaven Special Drainage District, ...	3,494
Strathaven Special Lighting District, ...	3,494
Strathaven Special Scavenging District, ...	3,494
Uddingston Special Drainage District, ...	8,424
Uddingston Special Lighting District, ...	8,164
Uddingston Special Scavenging District, ...	8,164

Within the District of the Lower Ward—

Barony Special Drainage District, ...	32,308
Bishopbriggs Special Lighting District, ...	3,190
Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn Special Drainage District, ...	3,479
Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn Special Scavenging District,	3,210
Carmunnock Special Drainage District, ...	390
Chryston and Muirhead Special Drainage District, ...	2,893
Chryston and Muirhead Special Lighting District, ...	2,199
Chryston and Muirhead Special Scavenging District, ...	2,199
Lambhill Special Lighting District, ...	1,178
Linthouse Special Lighting District, ...	2,341
Millerston and Stepps Special Lighting District, ...	2,564
North Cadder Special Water Supply District, ...	2,991
Rutherglen Special Drainage District, ...	3,974
Rutherglen Special Lighting District, ...	3,957
Rutherglen Special Scavenging District, ...	3,932
Shettleston and Tollcross Special Lighting District, ...	29,009
Shettleston and Tollcross Special Scavenging District, ...	28,924
South Cadder Special Water Supply District, ...	8,950
South Lenzie Special Water Supply District, ...	900
South Lenzie Special Drainage District, ...	1,148
South Lenzie Special Lighting District, ...	1,001
South Lenzie Special Scavenging District, ...	1,001
Stepps Special Drainage District, ...	1,433
Stepps Special Scavenging District, ...	1,338

Lunacy assessments.

There were laid before the meeting communications from the General Board of Lunacy showing the apportionment of the assessments amongst the contributing authorities in connection with the several Lunacy Boards, the proportions payable by the Districts so far as situated in the County being as follows:—

(1) Lanark Lunacy District, ...	£14,275	2	6
(2) Glasgow Lunacy District, ...	1,322	8	9
(3) Govan Lunacy District, ...	7,232	5	1

Corporation of Glasgow sewage assessment.

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from the Town-Clerk of Glasgow, of date 29th August, intimating that the Corporation had resolved to impose a sewage assessment of 5·90d., and that accordingly a rate of 4d. per £ would fail to be imposed within the Barony Drainage District, and in Lanarkshire Area No. 1, as defined by the Glasgow Corporation Sewage, &c., Act, 1898.

Draft estimates for 1912-13.

The Clerk submitted a print of the draft estimates necessary to meet the requirements of the County Council by way of rating for the current year, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee, and he stated that the estimates, so far as affecting the expenditure of the District Committees, had been considered and approved of by these committees, and, so far as relating to highways, by the County Road Board.

The meeting, having gone over the estimates, and certain adjustments having been made, agreed to continute further consideration of them until next meeting of the committee.

County of Lanark Assessments, 1912-13.

Parish of

Special District of

Assessment. No.	Valuation.	Amount. £ : :

DEMAND NOTE.

COUNTY OFFICES,

Hamilton, ...

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the persons named herein for their respective interests.

That the County Council of the County of Lanark, acting under the Local Government (Scotland) Acts, 1889 to 1908, and the Acts therein referred to, have imposed the Occupiers' Consolidated Rates, as per details annexed, on Lands and Heritages in the above-named Parish and Special District, for the year from 15th May, 1912, to 15th May, 1913:

That the assessments in respect of said rate are now due, and so far as imposed on the occupiers of lands and heritages which are Small Dwelling Houses within the meaning of the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911, **are recoverable by the County Council on or before 31st December, 1912, from the owner,** who, under the provisions of the last-mentioned Act, is made responsible for all assessments, liability to pay which is imposed on the occupier.

And intimation is further given that **any persons complaining of being improperly assessed** or improperly made responsible for the assessments, **must lodge an appeal with the County Clerk,** County Offices, Beckford Street, Hamilton, on or before the last Wednesday in December. This Demand Note should accompany the appeal. **No appeal against the valuation in the Valuation Roll will be entertained.**

THOS. MUNRO, *County Clerk.*

NOTE.—The Collecting Offices are open from 10 till 3 o'clock daily except Saturday, when the hours are 10 till 12. The Offices are closed on Christmas Day and New-Year's Day.

PLEASE PRODUCE THIS NOTICE ENTIRE ON PAYMENT.

(Specimen.)

Facilities for Making Payment.

Payment may be made to any of the undernoted District Collectors—

AIRDRIE—
JAMES A. RUSSELL, National Bank of Scotland, Ltd.

BIGGAR—
W. B. PAIRMAN, National Bank of Scotland, Ltd.

GLASGOW—
THOMAS TENNENT, 58 Renfield Street.

HAMILTON—
W. D. LOUDON, Masonic Buildings, 106 Cadzow Street.

LANARK—
A. W. PATERSON, 5 Hope Street.

STRATHAVEN—
ROBERT M'COWAN, Public Hall Buildings.

OR TO

THOMAS MUNRO,
County Clerk and Treasurer,
County Offices, Beckford St., Hamilton,

who is the Official to whom all communications and inquiries must be addressed.

REMITTANCES.—If Remittances be made by Bank Draft or Postal Order, the Dues thereof must be paid by sender; if by Cheque the Dues thereof must be added. A stamped addressed envelope must be sent for returning the receipt.

For the convenience of Ratepayers the District Collector will attend at—

RECEIPT

FOR

County of Lanark Assessments, 1912-13.

Parish of

Special District of

Assessment. No. ____ Valuation. ____

BRANCHES OF EXPENDITURE.

1. Police, under Act 20 & 21 Vic., cap. 72 (half of increment over Average Rate), ... @ $\frac{44}{170}$d.
2. County General, under Act 31 & 32 Vic, cap. 82 (half of increment over Average Rate), ... @ $\frac{32}{170}$d.
3. Registration of Voters, under Act 24 and 25 Vic., cap. 83 (half of increment over Average Rate), ... @ $\frac{2}{170}$d.
4. Lunacy, under Act 20 & 21 Vic., cap. 71 (half of increment over Average Rate), ... @ $\frac{22}{170}$d.
5. Diseases of Animals, under Act 57 & 58 Vic., cap. 57, ... @ $\frac{1}{170}$d.
6. General Purposes, under Act 52 & 53 Vic., cap. 50, &c., ... @ $\frac{22}{170}$d.
7. Roads and Bridges, under Act 41 and 42 Vic., cap. 51, ... @ $6\frac{66}{170}$d.
8. Public Health, under Act 60 & 61 Vic., cap. 38, ... @ $1\frac{56}{170}$d.
9. Special Water Supply District, under Act 60 and 61 Vict., cap. 38, ... @ $3\frac{40}{170}$d.
10. Special Drainage District, do., do., ... @ $\frac{60}{170}$d.
11. Special Lighting District, under Act 57 & 58 Vic., Cap. 58, ... @ $1\frac{60}{170}$d.
12. Special Scavenging District, do. do., ... @ $\frac{102}{170}$d.

Total, being "Occupiers' Consolidated Rate," ... ... $1/4\frac{36}{170}$d.

HOUSE LETTING AND RATING (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1911.

Name of Owner responsible for Occupiers' Assessments on small Dwelling-houses.	Total Rental in Valuation Roll as per Schedule annexed hereto.			Total Occupiers' Assessment on small dwelling-houses at above rate.			Owners' Statutory Allowance at 2½ per cent.			Net Amount payable by Owner.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.

Details on other side.

NOTE.—The dates fixed for lodging claims under Section 7 (3) for repayment of Assessments in respect of any period during which rent or other consideration have not been received are—

20th May, for period from 15th May to 30th April of preceding financial year.
15th August ,, 1st to 15th May ,, ,, ,,

Forms of claim may be had from the Clerk to the Parish Council or from the County Clerk.

APPENDIX I.

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SCHEDULE OF OCCUPIERS ASSESSED.

Assessment No.	Name.	Address.	Rent in Valuation Roll. £	s.	d.	Assessment. £	s.	d.
		Forward, £						

265 146

(Specimen.)

County of Lanark Assessments, 1912-1913.

	Assessment.	Valuation.
PARISH OF **LESMAHAGOW.** No.		

Amount, £ : :

Owners' Voluntary Assessment, : :

DEMAND NOTE.

COUNTY OFFICES,

Hamilton, ...

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the person named herein :

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That the Assessments in respect of said Rates are now due, and are to be paid on or before the 31st day of December, 1912.

And Intimation is Further Given, that the Regulations made by the County Council in regard to the lodging and hearing of Appeals are as follows :—

(1) All appeals against Rates, and all applications by occupiers to be relieved from payment of Rates on the ground of poverty, shall, along with this Demand Note, be lodged with the County Clerk, County Offices, Beckford Street, Hamilton, on or before the last Wednesday in December.

(2) The Committee or Committees appointed by the County Council to hear appeals and applications for relief lodged in accordance with these Regulations shall do so at their sittings, to be held at such places and on such dates as they may appoint.

(3) The appellants shall state the grounds of their appeals, and applicants for relief on the ground of poverty shall, when asked, give such information with regard to their circumstances as the County Council may see fit to call for.

(4) When it is desired that appellants and applicants for relief should appear before a Committee on Appeals, they shall be notified by circular of the place and date of the meeting of the Committee, and in the event of their failing to appear, or to be represented, at the said meeting, their appeals or applications for relief shall be dismissed, unless they submit a valid excuse for their absence.

(5) No appeal against the valuation of subjects as appearing in the Valuation Roll shall be entertained.

THOS. MUNRO, *County Clerk.*

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OR TO

THOMAS MUNRO,
County Clerk and Treasurer,
County Offices, Beckford St., Hamilton,
who is the Official to whom all communications and inquiries must be addressed.

REMITTANCES.—If Remittances be made by Bank Draft or Postal Order, the Dues thereof must be paid by sender; if by Cheque the Dues thereof must be added. A stamped addressed envelope must be sent for returning the receipt.

NOTE.—Collectors' Offices and County Clerk's Office closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

For the convenience of Ratepayers the District Collector will attend at—

LESMAHAGOW—Within the PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, on Wednesday, 18th December, 1912, between the hours of **11** a.m. and **6** p.m.
KIRKMUIRHILL—Within the OLD SCHOOL HOUSE, on Tuesday, 24th December, 1912, between the hours of **11** a.m. and **1.30** p.m.
CROSSFORD—Within the SCHOOL HOUSE, on Tuesday, 24th December, 1912, between the hours of **4** p.m. and **5.15** p.m.

RECEIPT

	Assessment.	Valuation.
FOR No.		

County of Lanark Assessments, 1912-13.

PARISH OF LESMAHAGOW.

BRANCHES OF EXPENDITURE.

	Average Rate.	Half of Increment over Average Rate.	Owners.	Occupiers.
1. Police, under Act 20 & 21 Vict., cap. 72, ...	d.	d.	d.	d.
2. County General, under Act 31 & 32 Vict., cap. 82, ...	d.	d.	d.	d.
3. Registration of Voters, under Act 24 & 25 Vict., cap. 83, ...	d.	d.	d.	d.
4. Lunacy, under Act 20 & 21 Vict., cap. 71, ...	d.	d.	d.	d.
5. Diseases of Animals, under Act 57 & 58 Vict., cap. 57, ...			d.	d.
6. General Purposes, under Act 52 & 53 Vict., cap. 50, ...			d.	d.
7. Roads and Bridges, under Act 41 & 42 Vict., cap. 51, ...			d.	d.
8. Public Health, under Act 60 & 61 Vict., cap. 38, ...			d.	d.
9. Special Water Supply District, under Act 60 and 61 Vict., cap. 38, ...			d.	d.
10. Special Drainage District, do., do., ...			d.	d.
11. Special Lighting District, under Act 57 & 58 Vict., cap. 58, ...			d.	d.
12. Special Scavenging District, do., do., ...			d.	d.
Total, being "Consolidated Rates,"			d.	d.

	Gross Rental.	Occupiers' Net Rental under Agricultural Rates Acts (⅔ths of Annual Value.)	Consolidated Rates as above.	Assessment.
As Owner, - - -			1/9 109/120 d.	....
As Occupier, - -			1/8 12/120 d.	....
				....
Special Water Charge, viz., ...				....
Total Amount of County Council's Assessments, £				

Owners' Voluntary Assessment towards expenses of the Highland and Agricultural Society's Show, to be held in Paisley in 1913, @ 4/120d. per £ on said gross rental, ... £ : :

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County of Lanark Assessments.

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2nd October, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 2nd October, 1912, being a meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

William Barr.	Alexander Pillans.
William L. Dyer.	John D. Scott.
George Fraser.	William Speirs.
Nathaniel Gold.	Colonel King Stewart.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.	William Templeton.
Robert Lambie.	James C. Hope Vere.
William Neilson.	Thomas Watt.

Chairman.

Mr. Neilson, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 11th September, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Accounts and requisitions.

Accounts and requisitions, as per precept book, amounting in all to £36,555 7s. 5d., were laid before the meeting, and the same, having been examined, were passed for payment, the precept book being initialed by the chairman and Mr. Templeton.

Statement of loan indebtedness.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the following statement of loan indebtedness, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee, viz.:—

Statement of Loan Indebtedness as at 28th September, 1912.

Loan indebtedness reported at last meeting, ...			£979,653 10 10
Loans repaid since last meeting, ...	£22,200 0 0		
Loans taken since last meeting, ...	20,650 0 0		
			1,550 0 0
			£978,103 10 10
Sums due to Bank on Capital Accounts, ...			14,055 19 6
			£992,159 10 4

The County Fund stands at £21,436 to the debit.

Middle Ward Water Requisition.

There was laid before the meeting Requisition No. 162 (old), dated 28th September, 1912, by the District Committee of the Middle Ward for £188 15s. 11d. required in connection with the Middle Ward Water Undertaking.

House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act.—Minutes of Conference of Parish Councils and the County Council, and of sub-committee appointed at Conference.

There were laid before the meeting the minutes of the Conference of the Parish Councils and the County Council on the subject of the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911, held on 7th August last (Appendix I.), together with the minutes of a meeting of the sub-committee appointed at the Conference, of date 14th August (Appendix II.), copies of which the Clerk stated he had sent to each member of the committee. The meeting approved.

Collection of County Rates.—Letter from Mr. W. D. Loudon, Hamilton, enclosing note of proposed itinerary.

The Clerk submitted a letter from Mr. W. D. Loudon, District Collector, Hamilton, of date 24th September, enclosing a note of his proposed itinerary for the collection of the County rates for the current year, and pointing out that he had found it necessary to reduce slightly the number of and shorten the hours of some of these collections, and that in doing so he had tried as near as possible to estimate the needs of each district under the altered circumstances. The meeting, while approving generally of the proposed itinerary, agreed that there should be an outside collection at Newmains.

Collection of County Rates.—Letter from Mr. A. W. Paterson, Lanark.

There was also submitted a letter from Mr. A. W. Paterson, District Collector, Lanark, of date 26th September last, expressing a desire to be informed of the new conditions which would pertain to his appointment as Collector of Rates for the current year, in the event of his being appointed. On the suggestion of the Clerk, it was agreed that Mr. Paterson should be furnished with the minutes dealing with the subject.

Proposed introduction of Bill to empower Local Authorities to levy rates on site values. — Communication from the Land Union.

There was submitted a communication from the Land Union, of date 13th September, on the subject of the proposed assessment of local rates on (capital) site values. The meeting decided to allow the communication to lie upon the table.

Return of fees paid to law agents.

Under reference to the minutes of meeting, of date 31st July, the Clerk submitted a return of the fees paid by the County Council to law agents for business performed by them for the County for the last three years, of which the following is an abstract, viz. :—

	Fees.	Outlays.	Total.	Fines Recovered.	Fees, less Fines.
1909-10, ...	£66 11 9	£16 0 10	£82 12 7	£59 6 0	£7 5 9
1910-11, ...	236 4 1	29 9 8	265 13 9	39 0 0	197 4 1
1911-12, ...	204 13 0	45 6 0	249 19 0	43 17 8	160 15 4
	£507 8 10	£90 16 6	£598 5 4	£142 3 8	£365 5 2

Report and estimates for 1912-13.

The Clerk having submitted a draft report of the committee to the County Council, having appended to it the estimates which had been laid before the last meeting of the committee, and having stated several alterations which had been made upon the draft estimates since then, the meeting approved of the draft report and estimates, aad authorised the chairman of the committee to sign the report, and instructed the same, along with the estimates, to be laid before the meeting of the County Council to be held on 10th current.

Airdrie Court Houses.—Proposed additions.—Letter from Mr. J. Dunn Russell.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from Mr. J. Dunn Russell, on behalf of the Airdrie Court House Commissioners, which was in the following terms, viz. :—

" THOMAS MUNRO, Esq.,
" County Clerk,
" Hamilton.

" County Buildings,
" Airdrie, 23rd September, 1912.

" DEAR SIR,

" AIRDRIE SHERIFF COURT HOUSE.

" Some time ago my Commissioners, on representations made to them by the Sheriff Clerk of Lanarkshire and others regarding the inadequacy of the accommodation in the Court House Buildings here for the efficient conduct of Sheriff Court business therein, agreed to provide the requisite additional accommodation by altering and extending the said buildings conform to plans prepared by the Commissioners' architects.

" In order to obtain a contribution towards the cost from the Treasury in terms of the Sheriff Court Houses (Scotland) Acts, the Commissioners submitted to the Secretary for Scotland a Representation in terms of said Acts craving authority to have the work proceeded with.

" In connection with said Representation, the Master of Works Office in Edinburgh, after an inspection of the buildings and an examination of the plans, reported on the same to the Secretary for Scotland. In July last the Under Secretary intimated by letter to me that the Secretary for Scotland was of opinion that the Representation should be made through you in the manner provided by Section 3 of the Sheriff Court Houses (Scotland) Act, 1860, and stated that, on receiving such a Representation, he would intimate his opinion that additional accommodation was needed at the Court House here.

"At a special meeting of my Commissioners, held here on Friday last, the Under Secretary's letter was read and considered, when it was unanimously agreed to adopt the suggestion contained in said letter, and in accordance therewith to request your County Council to make the necessary statutory Representation to the Secretary for Scotland, as also to levy the necessary assessment to defray the cost of these extensions, in respect, as referred to in the Under Secretary's letter, that the Commissioners are not in a position to assess for the proposed alterations on the Court House, as any such assessment must be levied by the County Council under the authority referred to in said letter.

"I enclose copy of the Under Secretary's letter, together with the relative papers, and should feel obliged if you would bring the matter before your County Council, and let me hear from you as soon as convenient.

"I should also state that at the special meeting of the Commissioners a committee, consisting of the Sheriff-Substitute and Mr. Dugald Rankine, along with the Treasurer (Mr. Dixon Gray) and myself, were appointed to confer with you or the Council, or its committee, if so desired. If you think that such a meeting is advisable, I would be glad to hear from you as to this.

"Meantime, I am,

"Yours faithfully,

"J. DUNN RUSSELL,

"*Clerk to Commissioners.*"

Deputation from Commissioners interviewed.

The meeting, having heard the views of the Clerk on the legal position, agreed to hear also the views of the sub-committee of the Commissioners who were in attendance. Thereupon the sub-committee, comprised of Sheriff Glegg, Mr Dugald Rankine, Mr. W. Dixon Gray, and Mr. J. Dunn Russell, were introduced to the meeting. Mr. Sheriff Glegg having confirmed generally the terms of the foregoing letter, and the County Clerk having stated in reply the legal points that seemed to call for careful consideration, the meeting decided that the Clerk should confer with Sheriff Glegg and Mr. Dunn Russell with a view to agreeing, if possible, upon a line of action that would be acceptable to their respective constituents.

APPENDIX I.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

HOUSE LETTING AND RATING (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1911.

MINUTES

OF

CONFERENCE OF PARISH COUNCILS AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GLASGOW, ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 1912.

Chairman.

On the motion of Colonel King Stewart, Convener of the County, Mr. John D. Scott, Chairman of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council, was called to the Chair.

Clerk.

On the motion of the Chairman, Mr. Thomas Munro, County Clerk, was appointed Clerk of the meeting.

Circular calling meeting.

The circular calling the meeting was in the following terms:—

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 29th July, 1912.

SIR,

HOUSE LETTING AND RATING (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1911.

A desire having been expressed for a Conference of Parish Councils and the County Council with a view to the adoption if possible of uniformity of procedure in carrying out the rating provisions of this Act, including the question of relief to poor persons, I am to invite your Council to be represented at such a Conference, which it is proposed should be held in the County Council Rooms, County Buildings, 149 Ingram Street, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 7th August, at three o'clock p.m.

It would be a favour to be advised whether your Council will be represented.

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

The CLERK,
Parish Council of

It was intimated that the following Parish Councils were represented:— *Parish Councils represented.*

Carluke.	Cambusnethan.
Carnwath.	Dalserf.
Crawford.	Dalziel.
Douglas.	East Kilbride.
Lanark.	New Monkland.
Lesmahagow.	Old Monkland.
Symington.	Shotts.
Wiston and Roberton.	Stonehouse.
Avondale.	Glasgow.
Blantyre.	Govan.
Bothwell.	Cadder.
Cambuslang.	Rutherglen.

Short explanatory statements having been made by the Chairman and Clerk of the proceedings that had led up to the calling of the Conference, the purpose of which the meeting was reminded was primarily for an expression of opinion, and therefore non-committal so far as the individual Parish Councils were concerned, it was agreed to consider, in the first instance, the circular on the House Letting Act, of date 26th July, addressed to Parish Councils by the Local Government Board. The circular, a copy of which was handed to each member of the Conference, was in the following terms:—

Circular from Local Government Board.

Local Government Board,
Edinburgh, 26th July, 1912.

Sir,

HOUSE LETTING AND RATING (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1911.

Numerous letters having been received from Inspectors of Poor and Collectors of Rates, requesting the guidance of the Board in connection with the provisions of the House Letting, &c., Act, 1911, in so far as they affect the levying and collecting of, and exemption from, rates, I am to point out:—

A.—Subjects entered in the Valuation Roll as Unlet.

Hitherto, where a subject appeared in the Valuation Roll as unlet, no Parish Rates were leviable under the General Statutes in respect of its occupancy, even when it was occupied during a part of the year. That law still obtains in respect of houses not affected by the provisions of the House Letting Act.

But, in regard to small houses falling under the Act, the following provisions have to be taken into account:—Under Section 7 of the House Letting, &c., Act, "subject as hereinafter provided, the provisions of all Acts applicable within the respective areas in which this Act may be in operation respecting the liability for, and the imposition and recovery by an assessing authority of, any assessment, shall subsist in full force and effect."

Under sub-section (1) of the same section, " . . . any liability to pay occupier's assessment which would by law be imposed on a person occupying the small dwelling-house throughout the year from Whitsunday to Whitsunday shall be imposed on any such occupier or successive occupiers during the year, whether their names appear in the Valuation Roll or not. . . ."

Under Sub-section (2) of the same section, " . . . the owner of a small dwelling-house shall be responsible for all assessments, liability to pay which is imposed on the occupier thereof, . . . and the assessing authority shall be entitled to recover occupiers' assessments from the owner for the year from Whitsunday to Whitsunday, notwithstanding that the house may not be occupied throughout the year. . . ."

The effect of these provisions is, in the opinion of the Board, to place upon owners of small dwelling-houses the liability to pay all occupancy rates,

whether an occupier's name appears in the Valuation Roll or not—subject to subsequent adjustment with the rating authority in terms of the Act (Section 7 (3)). The Board have given careful consideration to arguments brought under their notice to the effect that there is no distinct direction in the Act authorising the imposition of an assessment in respect of occupancy of a subject entered as unlet in the Valuation Roll, and that consequently no responsibility to pay is in such cases imposed upon owners. They are not, however, satisfied that these arguments are sound.

In their view the following is the reasonable construction of the Statute:—It is clear that if a house is occupied when the Valuation Roll is made up the liability falling upon the occupier named in the Roll is spread over successive occupiers throughout the year, notwithstanding that their names are not entered on the Roll. That such occupiers should be liable, but that the mere accident of there being no occupier when the Valuation Roll is made up should exempt the house from occupier's rating throughout the year cannot, in the Board's opinion, have been the intention of Parliament. The contrary intention seems to be made clear by the express use, in Sub-section 1, of the words, "whether their names appear in the Valuation Roll or not."

If it is argued that had the Legislature contemplated what is now suggested, it would have provided explicitly the machinery requisite for carrying out its intention, it must be remembered that the new liability is only imposed by Sub-section (1) on occupiers constructively, in order, by Sub-section (2) to be transferred to, and substantially imposed on, owners. To provide machinery to carry mere constructive liability into effect was unnecessary, and would have been superfluous. The words "liability to pay which is imposed on the occupier thereof" in Sub-section (2) carry back directly to the words "shall be imposed" in Sub-section (1). It is Sub-section (1) which imposes the liability transferred by Sub-section (2) to the owners. The latter Sub-section then proceeds to provide machinery for raising the assessment from the owner direct.

In short, in the Board's view Sub-section (1) introduces an entirely new rule of liability, which overrides and supersedes the operation of existing Acts, and therefore of the machinery for carrying out these Acts.

It will accordingly be the duty of Parish Councils to adapt their assessing methods so as to carry out the purpose of the Act. The Board would suggest that, when striking the rate per £ of assessment on occupiers, Parish Councils should take into account the rentals of all small houses falling under the provisions of the Act, including those appearing as unlet in the Valuation Roll, due allowance being made for the estimated repayments at the statutory adjustment, in respect of periods of non-occupancy, and of the owner's omission for collection.

B.—Date when Deduction for Owners' Commission should be allowed.

Section 7, Sub-section (6), of the Act provides:—"Every assessing authority shall, in respect of the occupancy of small dwelling-houses, allow to owners from all occupiers' assessments levied on and recovered from them in place of the occupiers (less any repayments in pursuance of a claim under this section) a deduction to cover cost of collection. . . ."

The question has been raised whether the deduction should be allowed at the time of payment of the rates or when the net amount of occupancy rates payable by the owner has been ascertained. It appears to the Board that the latter is the correct view. The deduction is clearly to be allowed upon the net amount of assessment received by the Parish Council, and that amount cannot be ascertained until the adjustment or adjustments contemplated by Section 7 (3) have been made by the Parish Council in pursuance of claims under that Sub-section. The Board accordingly take the view that the deduction to owners for collecting occupiers' rates should be allowed at the time or times when such adjustments are made. While it might be possible by

separate accountings to follow the other course, it would not only involve unnecessary trouble and expense, but would be inconsistent with the simple reading of the section.

C.—Exemption of Occupiers of small Dwelling-Houses from Payment of Rates on the Ground of Inability to Pay.

The power of exemption authorised by Section 42 of the Poor Law Act of 1845 is expressly preserved by Section 9 of the Act; but doubts have been expressed as to the manner in which that power can now be exercised.

The procedure to carry into effect an exemption of this nature under the new conditions of house letting and payment of rates introduced by the Act may be somewhat complicated, and will have to be worked out in practice by the Parish Councils.

If Parish Councils resolve to grant an exemption in any case, and the owner is in consequence relieved of the payment of rates in respect of the occupancy, he will be in a position to accept a proportionately smaller rent payment from the exempted occupier.

D.—Accounting.

The only changes which appear to be necessary in the forms of books on account of adjustments between owners of small dwelling-houses and the Parish Council affect the Assessment Roll, which should show, by additional columns or otherwise, those cases in which the occupancy assessment is payable by owners, and, by a special column, the amounts of such assessment.

It will be the duty of the Collector of Rates, as hitherto, to lodge in bank the rates as collected. Repayments to owners in consequence of adjustments will be made by the Clerk of the Parish Council on the certificate of the Collector Payments in respect of commission to owners under Section 7 will be regarded as part of the cost of collecting the rates, and repayments of assessment in pursuance of claims by owners under the same section will, in the Abstract of Accounts, be shown in each rate account as a deduction from the total amount of assessments collected during the year. It will be kept in view that the Abstract of Accounts is a statement of cash transactions (not of revenue and expenditure), and that consequently payments made after the close of the year in respect of the adjustments will be entered in the following year's accounts.

Inspectors of Poor are requested to submit this circular to the first meeting of the Parish Council. Copies have been transmitted direct to Collectors of Rates and to Clerks of Parish Councils.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

John T. Maxwell.
Secretary.

To

The Inspector of Poor.
The Clerk of the Parish Council.
The Collector of Rates.

The meeting went over *seriatim* the points raised by the Local Government Board, and, after a full discussion, unanimously resolved to recommend as follows:—

(a) *Subjects entered in Valuation Roll as unle*

That owners be held responsible for the occupiers' assessments on small dwelling-houses entered in the Valuation Roll as unlet, the owners having the statutory right to claim repayment, at the end of the year, of the assessment corresponding to the period of the year during which the premises were unlet. If a small dwelling-house remained unlet for the full year, it would follow that the full year's assessments would fall to be refunded.

(b) *Date when deduction for owners' commission should be allowed.*

That as regards the date when the deduction of owners' commission should be made, the least troublesome course, and the one most likely to commend itself to all parties, would be to allow the deduction to owners under Section 7 (6) when payment of the assessment was made, and to make any necessary adjustment consequent upon a refund of assessment under Section 7 (3) when that refund was made.

(c) *Exemption of occupiers of small dwelling-houses from payment of rates on the ground of inability to pay.*

That the existing practice of granting exemption from payment of rates to paupers and other poor persons be continued; that as regards paupers, the procedure should be that already adopted in some parishes, whereby the Parish Council notify the owner of a small dwelling-house occupied by a pauper that if the occupier be allowed a deduction corresponding to the amount of assessment levied in respect of the occupancy of the house, the Parish Council will undertake to make a refund to the owner of the assessment imposed upon said occupier; that as regards other poor persons, it was desirable that a similar practice should, if possible, obtain, and that it be remitted to a Committee to be named at the close of the meeting to consider and recommend what procedure should be adopted to attain the object in view.

It was explained by Mr. Fraser, one of the representatives of the County Council, that their Sub-Committee dealing with this matter were prepared to recommend the County Council to enter into a working arrangement with the Parish Councils for carrying into effect a system of reliefs that would be satisfactory to both rating authorities, and to recognise any increased work that might be put upon the Clerks to the Parish Councils consequent upon such an arrangement.

(d) *Accounting.*

It was agreed that as no difficulty need be apprehended in regard to accounting, discussion on it was unnecessary.

Resolution that Counties should have power to make up a Supplementary Valuation Roll.

In the course of the discussion on the point of whether the owner should be held responsible in the first instance for the occupiers' rates on small dwelling-houses entered in the Valuation Roll as unlet, attention was drawn to the anomaly whereby a Supplementary Valuation Roll could be made up for a Police Burgh but not for a County. The meeting were unanimously of opinion that a representation on the subject be made to the Secretary for Scotland, with a request that he should take steps to secure for Counties by early legislation power to make up a Supplementary Roll, under which County Councils and Parish Councils could levy supplementary assessments in the same way as Town Councils, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

The meeting then proceeded to consider other points not covered by the circular.

Form of Demand Note or Notice of Assessment.

It was unanimously resolved to recommend that it was not necessary to issue to the owner of more than one small dwelling-house separate Demand Notes or Notices for each small dwelling-house, but that it would be more convenient for all parties to have one Demand Note or Notice with a Schedule of details annexed, but that any request for a separate Demand Note or Receipt for any particular occupier should be acceded to.

Application to Sheriff to fix allowance owners to cover cost of collection.

The Clerk intimated that the County Council had agreed to recommend that the allowance to owners under Section 7 (6) should be fixed at the maximum of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. He added that the County Council were about to make an application to the Sheriff, as required by the Act, to fix the allowance, and that any Parish Council desiring to conjoin with the County Council should intimate their intention at once. There was general acquiescence in the view that those Parish Councils who had not already made application to the Sheriff should concur in the application to be made by the County Council.

Dates upon which claims for repayment of rates in respect of unlet property or lost rent should be lodged.

After an exchange of views as to the dates when claims for repayment of rates paid by owners in respect of unlet property or unrecovered rent should be lodged, it was agreed that the Sub-Committee before referred to should go into the matter in the light of the discussion that had taken plaec.

Procedure in checking claims.

Several suggestions having been made as to methods that might be adopted in regard to the checking of claims for repayment by owners so as best to avoid unnecessary duplication of work and trouble to the owners, the matter was remitted to the Sub-Committee.

Notice to be given of occupiers' assessment in arrear for purposes of franchise.

It was pointed out that all occupiers of small dwelling-houses whose rates were unpaid at 15th May would, for the purposes of the franchise, require to be served by the Parish Councils every year and by the County Council every third year on or before 1st June with the statutory notice prescribed by Section 18 of the Representation of the People (Scotland) Act, 1868.

Appointment of sub-committee.

The following Sub-Committee was thereafter appointed for the purposes above mentioned, and to adjust the minute of this meeting:—

Representatives of Parish Councils.

Mr. William Walker, Cambuslang.
Provost Thomson, Cambusnethan.
Mr. Alexander Frame, Dalserf.
Mr. Robert M'Millan, Bothwell.
Mr. D. Thomson, Shotts.

Representatives of County Council.

Mr. J. D. Scott.
Mr. George Fraser.

With the following officials—

Mr. W. Calderhead, Clerk to Parish Council, Cambusnethen;
Mr. Robert Anderson, Do., Bothwell;
Mr. A. B. Maxwell, Do., Blantyre;
Mr. Robert Nicol, Do., Larkhall;
Mr. A. F. Edmiston, Do., Rutherglen;
Mr. Alex. Wilson, Do., Strathaven;
Mr. Wm. King, Collector of Poor Rates, Dalziel; and
Mr. Thos. Munro, County Clerk.

JOHN D. SCOTT,
Chairman.

APPENDIX II.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

HOUSE LETTING AND RATING (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1911.

MINUTES

OF

SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE CONFERENCE HELD ON 7TH AUGUST, 1912, OF PARISH COUNCILS AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Council Rooms, County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 14th August, 1912, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Conference of Parish Councils and the County Council to consider the matters remitted to the Sub-Committee.

Present—

ROBERT ANDERSON,
W. CALDERHEAD,
A. S. EDMISTON,
GEORGE FRASER,
WILLIAM KING,
A. B. MAXWELL,
ROBERT NICOL.
JOHN D. SCOTT,
D. THOMSON,
WILLIAM WALKER,
ALEX. WILSON,

and

THOMAS MUNRO, County Clerk, who acted as Clerk of the meeting.

Chairman. Mr. Scott was appointed chairman of the meeting.

Apologies for absence. Apologies for absence were intimated from Provost Thomson and Mr. M'Millan.

The minutes of the conference above referred to, a copy of which had been sent to each member, were submitted, and having been approved of, were signed by the chairman.

The meeting then took up consideration of the matters remitted to them by the conference, and dealt with them as undernoted:—

PROCEDURE TO BE ADOPTED TO GRANT EXEMPTION TO POOR PERSONS OTHER THAN PAUPERS.

The meeting, after discussion, came to the unanimous finding that as regards procedure, no distinction should be drawn between the pauper applicant and the poor person who was not a pauper; that both cases should be dealt with at the

stated meetings of the Parish Council; that the applicant should in every case be notified by the Parish Council of the result of his application; that the County Council should accept the decisions of the Parish Council for the purposes of the County Assessments; that where relief is granted, a certificate of remission of County and Parish Rates should be forwarded to the owner, with the intimation that the certificate would hold good until 15th May following the date of issue unless sooner withdrawn; that the certificate might be in the Form (A) appended hereto; that the owner should treat this certificate as his authority for including the amount covered thereby in the claim which he is authorised to make under Section 7 (3) of the Act.

Dates upon which Claims for Repayment of Rates should be Lodged

The meeting were unanimously of opinion that no good purpose could be served by fixing the first date between 1st and 15th May, a period when it would be inconvenient, and in many cases impossible, to get through the work in time to permit of the payments being made before the close of the financial year, and they came to the decision that the first date should be 20th May. They recommend accordingly, and that claims lodged on or before that date should be for the period up to and including 30th April. On the question of the further facilities to be given, the meeting were of opinion that there should not be an overlapping of years as regards repayments, and that it should be only necessary to give another date to permit of the adjustments being made from the period from 1st to 15th May. This date they recommend should be 15th August.

Procedure in checking Claims.

It was agreed that the owner's claim should cover both Parish and County Rates, and that it might be in the Form (B) appended hereto and lodged in duplicate with the Parish Council; that the Parish Council should be the authority to check the claim, retaining one copy for their own use and transmitting another copy as checked to the County Council; that each Council would be responsible for its own calculations of the assessments to be refunded and would make its own repayments.

Working arrangement between Parish Councils and the County Council.

The County representatives intimated that while they were of opinion that the foregoing arrangements, if adopted, would make for the smoother working of the Act, prevent duplication of work, and lead to a general understanding with owners and occupiers as to the procedure to be adopted in the cases which the arrangements are designed to meet, they realised that the result would be to save the County Council some trouble and expense, and that they were prepared to recommend that any work done by the Clerks to the Parish Councils on the County Council's behalf should be recognised.

JOHN D. SCOTT,
Chairman.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COMMITTEE ON FIRE BRIGADES.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 26th June, 1912, being a meeting of the Committee of the County Council of Lanark on Fire Brigades. — 26th June, 1912.

Present—

John Adam.	William M. Marshall.
Colonel Buchanan.	Alexander R. Mitchell.
William Davie.	William Neilson.
James H. Fenton.	William Sym.
George Fraser.	John Todd.
Alexander Hamilton.	John Wheatley.

Attending—

Captain Despard, Firemaster.
James Lochhead, Architect.

Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 7th February, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Firemaster submitted his Report, of date 18th June, and Record of Fires attended by the Brigades during the nineteen weeks ending 15th June, 1912 (Appendix I.), which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee. — *Report by Firemaster and Record of Fires.*

With regard to the question of the position of the Mechanicians employed in connection with the fire engines in relation to the National Insurance Act, 1911, the meeting agreed that they should be advised to join some approved society. — *National Insurance Act.—Position of mechanicians.*

With reference to the suggestion made by the Firemaster as to payment to Water Inspectors for any extra work which may be done by them in connection with the Fire Brigade, the meeting agreed that a payment of 2s. 6d. for the first hour and 1s. for each succeeding hour should be allowed between the hours of 5 p.m. and 9 a.m., and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the several Local Authorities concerned. — *Payments to Water Inspectors for work at fires.*

Erection of shed for hose cart, &c., at Biggar.

The Clerk having submitted estimates for the erection of a shed at Biggar for the hose cart, &c., the meeting, having considered the same, instructed the acceptance of the offers of—

(1) Adam Whyte, Biggar, for joiner work, ...	£13	0	0
(2) Andrew W. Hope, Biggar, for mason, slater, and plumber work, ...	28	16	9
	£41	16	9

Fire alarms.

The meeting continued for further consideration the question of fire alarms.

Report of inspection of brigade by Chief Officer Frost, Sheffield.

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting, the Clerk stated that Mr. William Frost, Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade of the City of Sheffield, had been asked to make an inspection of the County Brigade, and he submitted a Report (Appendix II.) received from Mr. Frost, a print of which had been sent to each member of the committee.

The meeting expressed satisfaction at the terms of the Report.

Action at instance of Thomas Deas.

With reference to the action which has been raised against the County Council at the instance of Mr. Thomas Deas, Cambuslang, in respect of injuries to his son, the Clerk stated that, at the suggestion of the Insurance Company, an offer had been made to the pursuer, without prejudice, of £350, but that it had been refused.

Accident to Larkhall fire engine and injury to fireman.

The Clerk reported that on 13th March the Larkhall fire engine while proceeding to a fire had, owing to side slip, come in contact with a tree, and had been badly damaged, and that he had intimated a claim to the Insurance Company. He further reported that Civilian Fireman James Shearer, who was thrown off the engine, had sustained an injury to his wrist, and had been off duty till 2nd May, and had been paid compensation amounting to £11 2s. 10d., which sum had been admitted by the Insurance Company.

Defect in steering gear of engines.

The Chief Constable having reported that the cause of the accident arose from a defect in the steering gear, which he believed to be common in all the engines, the meeting authorised him to communicate with the several firms who had supplied the engines, and remitted to the Chairman and the Firemaster to have the necessary alterations carried out.

Accident to Civilian Fireman John Cooper.

The Clerk reported that Civilian Fireman John Cooper, who had been injured while attending a fire at The Mound, Newton, Lesmahagow, on 14th January last, had resumed his ordinary employment on 12th June, and that he had been paid compensation amounting in all to £33 17s. 6d., which sum had been admitted by the Insurance Company.

Fixing of hydrants on water pipes of other Local Authorities.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting correspondence which he had had with the Clerk to the Upper Ward District Committee and the Town-Clerk of Wishaw regarding the provision of hydrants, and, after discussion, the meeting continued the matter for further enquiry.

Erection of balconies, &c., for ladder drill at Cambuslang Fire Station.

There was laid before the meeting estimates which had been received for the work required in connection with the erection of four iron balconies for ladder drill at the hose tower of the Fire Station at Cambuslang, and the meeting, having considered the same, instructed the acceptance of the offer of James Mitchell, Cambuslang, amounting to £32.

Erection of balconies, &c., for ladder drill at Bellshill, Lanark, and Larkhall Fire Stations.

There were also submitted offers received for providing similar facilities at the Fire Stations at Bellshill, Lanark, and Larkhall, and the meeting authorised the acceptance of the following offers, viz. :—

(1) J. M'Gregor & Co., Blantyre, to erect balconies, &c., in such positions as required at each of the three stations named,	£45 0 0
(2) Thomas Millar, Motherwell, to supply roof ladders, and blocks at eaves, at each of the three stations referred to,	12 10 0
	£57 10 0

Final measurements in connection with fire stations at Bellshill, Lanark, and Larkhall.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from Messrs. Cullen, Lochhead, & Brown, of date 2nd May, enclosing a statement prepared by the Measurer, Mr. Fred. Smith, showing the actual measurements in connection with the Bellshill, Lanark, and Larkhall Fire Stations, a summary of which is as follows :—

	Estimate and Allowances.	Measurement.
Bellshill.	£1,496 18 0	£1,394 15 9
Lanark,	999 19 4	1,027 9 0
Larkhall.	948 1 3½	980 15 6
	£3,444 18 7½	£3,403 0 3

Account for measurer's fees.

The Clerk submitted a letter from Mr. Fred. Smith, Measurer, Motherwell, enclosing his account of fees in respect of the work performed by him as Measurer in connection with the Fire Stations at Bellshill, Lanark, and Larkhall, amounting respectively to—

Bellshill,	£36 19 6
Lanark,	26 5 6
Larkhall,	24 13 6
	£87 18 6

The meeting, having considered the account, passed the same for payment, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

Services of brigade to outside authorities.

The question of the conditions on which the services of the brigades might be made available to neighbouring Local Authorities having been brought up, the meeting continued the matter for further consideration.

Use of fire tender for police purposes.

A discussion having arisen as to the use of the fire tender for police purposes in cases of emergency, the Clerk reminded the meeting of the understanding come to with the Standing Joint-Committee at the inception of the fire brigade as to the use by the police of the tender.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.

LANARK COUNTY COUNCIL FIRE BRIGADE.

Firemaster's Office,
Hamilton, 18th June, 1912.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to hand in a record of fires which have occurred since your last meeting. *Record of fires.*

The constabulary firemen and civilian firemen need not, I imagine, be considered in connection with this Act, as their regular employers will have to make the necessary arrangements; the five mechanics will, however, come under the terms of the Act. *Insurance Act.*

After careful consideration, I think that these men should receive some small payment for the extra work that has been thrown on them since the Fire Brigade has come in operation. I think 2s. 6d. for the first hour and 1s. for each succeeding hour when called out to assist the Fire Brigade would be an adequate payment. *Payments to Water Inspectors*

The County Clerk will hand in estimates for the erection of this shed, and I trust that this will be gone on with as soon as possible, as the owners of the shed in which the hose cart is housed at present wish to have the sole use of their shed. *Shed at Biggar.*

When in London recently I consulted the Head of the Fire Brigade on this subject, and his opinion was that fire alarms are no longer so necessary as they were before telephones were so commonly in use. I communicated with the General Post Office in London with a view to having notices posted in call offices that fire alarms could be sent, but this the Postmaster-General will not comply with. *Fire alarms.*

In Shettleston and Tollcross many of the renters of telephone instruments have expressed their willingness to send fire alarms, but they have declined to allow fire alarm notices to be placed on their houses.

From the experience of the past eighteen months I cannot say that the expense of putting in public fire alarms would be justified.

I hand in a statement of the cost of providing fire alarms in the City of Edinburgh, and I have sent to the County Clerk an estimate of the cost of providing fire alarms in the Shettleston, Tollcross, and Burnside area; approximately, these will cost £10 per alarm per annum, but in the case of Burnside £14 10s.

As regards country villages: as telephone facilities extend to them I think the constabulary stations should be connected, your committee possibly paying part of the cost.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant.

H. J. DESPARD, *Captain,*
Firemaster.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS,
Lanark County Council
Fire Brigade.

RECORD OF FIRES ATTENDED BY THE BRIGADE FOR PERIOD

No.	Station Called.	Date and Hour of Call.	No. of Firemen (Police and Civilians) who answered.	Distance from Station to Fire.	Time of Arrival at Fire.	Class of Premises on Fire. Address and Name of Occupier.	Supposed Cause of Fire.
1	Lanark, -	Feb. 1st, 8.57 p.m.,	Police 4, Civilians 3,	4 miles,	18 min. from call,	Farm barn and contents, Greenrigg Farm, occupied by W. & J. Findlay,	Unknown
2	Larkhall, -	Feb 3rd, 7.50 a.m.,	Police 6, Civilians 1,	1 mile,	7 min. from call,	Outhouses at Broomhill, belonging to H. M. M'Neil Hamilton of Broomhill,	Defective furnace flue,
3	Lanark, -	Feb. 3rd, 7 p.m.,	Police 1, Civilians 2,	13 miles,	25 min. from call,	Day Nursery in Birkhall, tenant A. J. C. Farie,	Overheated hearth,
4	Cambuslang,	Feb. 12th, 8.50 p.m.,	Police 2, Civilians 4,	250 yards,	7 min. from call.	Dwelling-house of Peter M'Ghee, miner, 1 Church Street, Cambuslang,	Chimney on fire,
5	Bellshill, -	Feb. 17th, 4.48 p.m.,	Police 4, Civilians 3,	¼ mile,	4 min. from call,	Straw in shed, belonging to Hugh Bradley, carter, Hamilton Road, Bellshill,	Child with matches,
6	Larkhall, -	Feb 20th, 9.13 a.m.,	Police 5, Civilian 1,	6½ miles,	19 min. from call,	Roof of farmhouse, The Green Farm, Wishaw, occupied by David Marshall,	Defective chimney
7	Bellshill, -	Feb. 27th, 7.2 a.m.,	Police 6, Civilian 1,	3½ miles,	18 min. from call,	Roof of dwelling-house, Victoria Street, Blantyre, occupied by Charles M'Guigan, miner,	Defective chimney
8	Bellshill, -	March 2nd, 5 p.m.,	Civilian 1,	¼ mile,	5 min. from call,	Fireplace in Post Office, Main Street, Bellshill,	Overheating from open coal fire,
9	Lanark, -	March 7th, 9.20 p.m.,	Police 3, Civilians 5,	15 miles,	35 min. from call,	Pithead scaffolding at Woolford's Pit, Tarbrax,	Wilful,
10	Bellshill, -	March 13th, 12.50 p.m.,	Police 6, Civilian 1,	4½ miles,	15 min. from call,	Hay in a shed, Whitehill Farm, Archd. Russell, Ltd., coal masters,	Unknown,
11	Bellshill, -	March 16th, 5.45 p.m.,	Police 3, Civilians 6,	20 miles,	60 min. from call,	Roof of farmhouse at East Brown Castle, Dr. Wm. Watson,	Chimney on fire,
12	Bellshill, -	March 17th, 5.22 a.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 3,	2½ miles,	13 min. from call,	Grocery shop, Mrs. Connelly, Watson Street, Uddingston,	Unknown,
13	Cambuslang,	March 27th, 3.40 a.m.	Police 2, Civilians 3,	800 yards,	12 min. from call,	Stationers' back shop at West Coats, Cambuslang, occupied by the Messrs. Paterson,	Hot cinders left in a box,
14	Bellshill, -	March 27th, 2.47 p.m.,	Police 6,	2½ miles,	16 mim. from call,	Hay stack at David Alexander's, Croft Bank, Uddingston,	Boy with matches,

FIRE BRIGADE.

OF NINETEEN WEEKS ENDING 15TH JUNE, 1912.

Estimated Value of Property on Fire (Building and Contents).	Estimated Value of Property Destroyed.	By what means was the Fire extinguished?	No. of Hydrants in use.	No. of Lengths of Hose in use.	Was the Water Pressure satisfactory?	Return of Engine and Firemen to Station.	REMARKS.
£150	£130	Water pumped from well and mill pond,	...	Six,	...	1.40 p.m.	
...	8	First aid hose on engine,	...	...	...	8.35 a.m.	
3,000	10	Extinguisher and cut out burning joist,	...	...	...	9.30 p.m.	
20	5	Pails of water,	...	...	...	9.50 p.m.	
20	1	Pails of water,	...	...	...	5 p.m.	
300	7	Pails of water,	...	...	...	10.50 a.m.	
800	15s.	Pails of water,	...	...	...	7.45 a.m.	
6,000	1	Pails of water and picking up hearth,	...	...	...	5.30 p.m.	
900	128	Pails of water,	...	...	...	Midnight,	Fire well under before arrival of Brigade.
100	70	Water pumped from hydrant, Hamilton Burgh.	One,	Thirteen,	Yes,	3.20 p.m.	
830	10	Pails of water and pulling slates off roof	...	...	...	9.15 p.m.	
500	10	Water from street hydrant,	One,	Two,	Yes,	6.30 a.m.	
500	13	Water from street hydrant,	One,	Two,	Yes.	5 a.m.	
40	40	Water from street hydrant,	Two,	Three.	Yes,	4.55 p.m.	

No.	Station Called.	Date and Hour of Call.	No. of Firemen (Police and Civilians) who answered.	Distance from Station to Fire.	Time of Arrival at Fire.	Class of Premises on Fire. Address and Name of Occupier.	Supposed Cause of Fire.
15	Cambuslang,	March 28th, 12.10 a.m.,	Police 3, Civilians 2,	¾ mile,	9 min. from call,	House of David Paton, miner, Young's Land, Kirkhill,	Searching for escaping gas,
16	East Kilbride,	March 29th, 10.45 a.m.,	Police 1, Civilians 2,	500 yards,	8 min. from call,	Empty dwelling-house in Montgomery Street, East Kilbride,	Overheated hearthstone,
17	Shettleston,	April 7th, 11 p.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 2,	¾ mile,	7 min. from call,	Chimney of painter's house at Mark Street, Shettleston, occupied by James Wilson,	Chimney on fire,
18	Shettleston,	April 8th, 5.40 p m.,	Police 6,	6 miles,	20 min. from call,	Semi-detached villas, Colston and Murraybank, Bishopbriggs, John Stevenson and Margaret Wilson,	Unknown.
19	Cambuslang	April 8th, 12.25 p.m.,	Police 4, Civilians 2,	1½ miles,	15 min. from call,	Roof of dwelling-house of Alexander M'Hendry, miner, Flemington,	Chimney on fire,
20	Bellshill, -	April 13th, 10.30 p.m.,	Police 3, Civilians 4,	2½ mile,	10 min. from call,	House top of three-storey tenement at Church Street, Uddingston, occupied by David Freebairn,	Paraffin oil lamp exploded,
21	Shettleston,	April 18th, 5 p.m.,	Police 5,	1 mile,	Cancelled before left garage,	Dwelling-house of John Daly, irondresser, 751 Main Street, Tollcross,	Clothes placed too near fire.
22	Bellshill, -	April 22nd, 10.23 p.m.,	Police 4, Civilians 2,	¾ mile,	5 min. from call,	Dwelling-house of James Lawson, miner, Parkhead Rows, Crossgates, Bellshill,	Clothes placed too near fire.
23	Bellshill, -	April 27th, 1 p.m.,	Police 7,	650 yards,	5 min. from call,	Provision shop at 290 Main Street, Bellshill, occupied by Patrick Cadden,	Spark from fire,
24	Shettleston,	April 29th, 9.55 p.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 2,	5 miles,	14 min. from call,	Waste paper in bags in the yard of Stewart Brothers, Eastfield Paper Works,	Hot cinders too near the waste paper,
25	Larkhall, -	April 30th, 8.20 a.m.,	Police 7,	5 miles,	19 min. from call,	Old unoccupied cottage near Netherburn, Dalserf, Duke of Hamilton's Trustees,	Unknown.
26	Bellshill, -	May 3rd, 12.31 a.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 3,	2¼ miles,	8 min. from call.	Roof of dwelling-house at Thorniewood, occupied by William Paterson,	Chimney on fire,
27	Bsllshill, -	May 10th, 4.48 a.m.,	Police 6, Civilians 2,	12 miles,	37 min. from call,	Hay stack belonging to John Sinclair, Calderhead Farm, Shotts,	Believed willful,
28	Lanark, -	May 23rd, 11.10 a.m.,	Police 3, Civilian 1,	10 miles,	20 min. from call,	Chimney of house belonging to Thomas Martin, Brookside, Symington,	Chimney on fire,
29	Bellshill, -	May 23rd, 2.43 p.m.,	Police 5, Civilian 1,	13 miles,	33 min. from call,	Smithy and engine-house in Shotts Iron Works, owned by the Shotts Iron Co.,	Unknown,

Estimated Value of Property on Fire (Building and Contents).	Estimated Value of Property Destroyed.	By what means was the Fire extinguished?	No. of Hydrants in use.	No. of Lengths of Hose in use.	Was the Water Pressure satisfactory?	Return of Engine and Firemen to Station.	Remarks.
£100	Nil	Closing up gas pipe,	..	...	...	1·10 a.m.	
100	£1 10s.	Cutting out burning beam,	...	...	...	11.48 a.m.	
2,000	10	Water from street hydrant.	One,	Four,	Yes,	Midnight.	
1,725	1,050	Water from street hydrant.	One,	Eight,	No,	7.40 p.m.,	Two motor pumps out from Glasgow before arrival of Shettleston pump and extinguished fire.
3,200	5	Water from street hydrant,	One,	One,	Yes,	1.10 p.m.	
2,700	270	Water from street hydrant,	One,	Two,	Yes,	12.5 a.m.	
500	5s.	Pails of water,	...	...	...	...	Cancelled before leaving garage.
500	12	Pails of water,	...	...	...	10.47 p.m.	
2,500	11 10s.	Pails of water,	...	...	..	1.17 p.m.	
30	5	Water from hydrant,	One,	Four,	Yes,	11.30 p.m.	
100	5	Water pumped from hydrant,	One,	Ten,	No,	11 a.m.	
1,000	5	Chemical extinguisher.	...	...	...	1.24 a.m.	
150	80	Water pumped from hydrant,	Two,	Eight,	Fair,	9.40 a.m.	
570	2	Water pumped from mill lade.	...	Two,		12.40 p.m.	
1,000	300	Water from street hydrant,	One,	Six,	Yes,	5.38 p.m.	

No.	Station Called.	Date and Hour of Call.	No. of Firemen (Police and Civilians) who answered.	Distance from Station to Fire.	Time of Arrival at Fire.	Class of Premises on Fire: Address and Name of Occupier.	Supposed Cause of Fire.
30	Shettleston, -	May 24th, 1.5 a.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 2,	3 miles,	9 min. from call,	Engine room at Daldowie Colliery, belonging to the Glasgow Coal Company,	Burning match thrown down,
31	Bellshill, -	May 26th. 12.25 p.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 2,	5 miles,	14 min. from call,	Hay stack, belonging to Jas. Dunlop & Co., Petersburn Farm, near Airdrie.	Unknown,
32	Shettleston,	May 31st, 12.40 a.m.,	Police 6, Civilians 2,	200 yards,	5 min. from call,	Bottle store belonging to the N.B. Bottle Manufacturing Company, Shettleston	Unknown,
33	Bellshill, -	June 14th, 12.6 p.m.,	Police 4. Civilians 2,	1¾ miles,	7 min. from call,	Miner's house in Alpine Terrace, Uddingston, Bernard Donnachie,	Explosion of naptha,
34	Shettleston, -	June 14th, 8.17 p.m.,	Police 4, Civilians 2,	400 yards,	5 min. from call,	Shop cellar at 4 Firpark Street, Shettleston, in the occupation of Robert Guthrie, chemist,	Supposed burning match or cigarette dropped,

Estimated Value of Property on Fire (Building and Contents).	Estimated Value of Property Destroyed.	By what means was the Fire extinguished?	No. of Hydrants in use.	No. of Lengths of Hose in use.	Was the Water Pressure satisfactory?	Return of Engine and Firemen to Station	Remarks
£4,740	£1,000	Water from street hydrant,	One.	Nine.	No. Only 10 lbs. pressure,	4.40 a.m.	
22 10s	22 10s.	Water from hydrant,	One,	Six,	Yes,	2.25 p.m.	
3,000	2,000	Water from hydrant.	One	Seven. 3 lines,	Yes,	5.30 a.m.,	The same store was burned in May and Sept., 1911, and in neither case was the cause discovered.
5,000	3	Pails of water,	...	...	...	12.30 p.m.,	Fire put out before the arrival of engine.
2,000	10s.	Pails of water,	..	...	...	8.30 p.m.,	Extinguished before arrival of brigade.

H. J. DESPARD, *Captain,*
Firemaster.

APPENDIX II.

City of Sheffield Fire Department,
Headquarters, Rockingham Street,
9th March, 1912.

Captain H. J. Despard,
Chief Constable,
Hamilton, N.B.

Sir,

As you have honoured me by selection as Inspecting Officer, I feel I ought to give you some particulars of my service in Fire Brigades.

I have been for over sixteen years Chief Officer of the Sheffield Police Fire Brigade, protecting the City, which has an area of 23,834 acres, a population of 454,653, and a Police Force and Fire Brigade numbering over 600 Officers and Men.

I also protect under agreement big districts in the Counties of Yorkshire and Derbyshire.

Prior to that I was Superintendent of the Northampton Fire Brigade, which I reorganised and changed from a civilian to a Police Brigade.

I have had charge of Brigades at fires in the Counties of Lancashire, Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, and Nottinghamshire.

I have had a wide experience of outbreaks at collieries, including pit heads, have fought fires in cotton mills and boot factories, cutlery and other workshops, mansions (including Welbeck Abbey and Maidwell Hall), and have attended a great number of farm and country fires.

Seven years ago I proceeded to South Africa and acted as expert to advise on the equipment and reorganise the Cape Town Brigade, a work I undertook and carried out satisfactorily.

I am at present acting as Advisory Agent to the Calcutta Municipality for Sir Frederick L. Halliday, C.I.E., M.V.O., Chief Commissioner of Police.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

WM. FROST,
Chief Officer.

City of Sheffield Fire Department,
Headquarters, Rockingham Street,
11*th March*, 1912.

Captain H. J. Despard,
Chief Constable and Firemaster
of the County of Lanark.

Sir,

PROTECTION FROM FIRE OF THE COUNTY OF LANARKSHIRE.

I have the honour to report that on Tuesday, the 5th instant, and on the following day, I inspected the Fire Brigades under your command.

Principal Appliances.

For the protection of Lanark and district there is stationed at the Lanark Police Station a Halley Petrol Six-Cylinder Motor Fire Engine, of seventy-five horse-power, fitted with centrifugal pump, capable of delivering six hundred gallons per minute. This carries, in addition, a tank containing forty gallons of water, and a small pump for extinguishing fires in their incipient stages. There are also on the machine a forty-foot telescopic escape, four scaling ladders, two chemical extinguishers, and a complement of $2\frac{3}{4}$ and $3\frac{1}{2}$-inch canvas hose, the former having spring couplings of an excellent pattern, and the latter screw couplings, standpipes having outlets for large or small hose, and branches fitted with patent quick-changing nozzles.

The whole combination certainly forms one of the most efficient, up-to-date, and powerful fire-fighting machines built to-day.

In addition to the usual $2\frac{3}{4}$-inch deliveries from the pump, there is a $3\frac{1}{2}$-inch outlet, and from it the larger hose is used. This is a very wise provision, particularly for use at country fires, where water is often pumped through long lines of hose, the friction being greatly reduced, and the larger waterway enabling the pump to give more efficient jets than when the $2\frac{3}{4}$-inch hose is employed only.

I travelled several miles on this machine, and it was in excellent running condition, but, unfortunately, during the journey to Blackwood House the steering gear broke, *the fracture showing a distinct flaw*. This caused the machine to be disabled for a time. The accident was due entirely to a structural defect, and was not in any way contributed to by any act of the driver or carelessness on the part of any member of the Brigade.

Larkhall, Bellshill, and Shettleston.

There are three similar petrol motor pumps (two Dennis Six-Cylinder 72 H.P. and one Morris Six-Cylinder 83 H.P.) for the protection of these districts, one being kept at each of the above stations. Their gear and equipment is very complete, and practically the same as that carried by the Lanark Fire Motor.

Cambuslang.

The equipment here is a 60 H.P. Four-Cylinder Dennis Petrol Tender, fitted with a forty-foot escape, the water supply in the district being sufficient for the risks without the aid of pumps. This is a model Police and Fire Station, the men's quarters being close to the engine-room.

Biggar Sub-Station.

One hand hose cart is kept here, containing 700 feet of hose.

East Kilbride Sub-Station.

Hand hose cart and 420 feet of hose.

DRILL.

On Tuesday, the 5th instant, I inspected the Halley engine at Lanark, and at 8.55 a.m. the following day called out the crew. The engine was "started up," and the firemen, who were not in the immediate vicinity of the engine-house at the time, mounted the machine in one minute and forty-five seconds. I rode on this motor, and can testify to the expert manner in which it was driven by the Brigade's mechanic.

At Blackwood House I inspected the Larkhall Brigade whilst they were undergoing "wet drill." The engine was worked from a pond with one line of $3\frac{1}{2}$-inch hose, to which were connected two lines of hose, each $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter. Considering the great distance, two excellent jets were thrown.

The firemen went through their drills thoroughly and in a very smart manner, pitching the escape and directing one branch from the roof of a building about thirty-five feet high.

I was very favourably impressed with the system of signalling, and also by the entire absence of shouting. The command "turn off," given sharply by the officer, was at once signalled to the engineer at the pump by the semaphore system, and at my request a fireman signalled for a branch, which was at once brought by another fireman. The value of this system cannot, in my opinion, be over-rated. It must certainly be a qualification of no mean order to be able to signal not only the orthodox "turn on" or "turn off," but to request pressure to be increased, or decreased, or any appliances to be sent from or to any point. Although this system has not yet been used in my Brigade, I shall certainly pay the Lanarkshire firemen the compliment of adopting it at the earliest moment.

A "dry drill" followed, the firemen going through the evolutions in a "clean" and very smart manner.

At Drumpellier House the second Dennis motor pump and the powerful Morris-Belsize engine were used at the drills. Here, again, both "wet" and "dry" drills were gone through, and the display was given in a fashion that would have been a credit to any Fire Brigade in the country.

I was pleased to see that their instructor had obviously been very thorough in his drills. The men pitched the escape rapidly, and used their hook ladders for mounting to the apex of one of the roofs in such a manner as to clearly demonstrate that the Lanarkshire firemen were experts in handling not only the ordinary fire escape, but also the scaling and pompier ladders.

The mechanics all drove their respective machines very well, and took up their positions at the water side, not always an easy matter, in the shortest possible time. The starting of the pumps was carried out very promptly, and from the sound emitted by the engines, by their rhythm when pumping, and also when travelling on the road, it was very evident that they were all in first-class running order.

I noted that nickel steel "tracks," having transverse half-round iron ribs to give a grip to the road wheels, and valanced sides for stiffening and strength, are carried on each machine, to place under the wheels when travelling over land. The provision of an extra forty feet of suction pipe on the Lanark and Larkhall engines is also to be commended, as a motor in many cases cannot be driven quite close to the water over soft or swampy ground. These tracks or rails, and the extra lengths of suction pipe, will undoubtedly enable the firemen to save property when they would otherwise, perhaps, be helpless. This is a very important matter, and one that has evidently been carefully thought out.

I was shown round the districts by you, Sir, and the type and class of risk to be protected were pointed out, and I also carefully noted the roads and country travelled.

The thickly populated district of the County, verging on the City of Glasgow, with its ever growing and increasing property, is the most important one from a fireman's point of view; but when these rather densely inhabited areas are protected by such a magnificent station, with the very latest appliances and a well-trained crew, as at Cambuslang, there is no fear that the Fire Department of the Constabulary will be found wanting when required. The district is certainly at

present sufficiently protected, and I was informed (and, of course, it goes without saying) that as the population and the number of dwellings and other buildings increase, so will the Fire Brigade and appliances be strengthened.

The whole of the garages or Fire Stations are ample and sufficiently commodious, and in one (Cambuslang) the fire motor may be turned about inside it, using its own power.

I am strongly of opinion that a Police Brigade is the best organisation for your County. Police Officers and Constables are used to discipline, and when recruits join the Force (whether intended to be drafted into one of the Brigades or not) they are all the better for a course of fire drill with one of the Brigades. Thus in time it could be said that the strength of your Fire Brigade, or the number of men having a knowledge of fire work, will be that of the whole Police Force. Again, every policeman will know, from practical experience, exactly what to do, and what is perhaps equally important, what *not* to do, when they discover or are called to a fire.

The Police members of your Brigade are smart in appearance, take a most intelligent interest in their work, and, for big men, are very active. They could carry either a heavy or small person to a place of safety; and, unfortunately, this cannot always be said of the civilian fireman.

The Sergeant Instructor has a very good knowledge of the working of a Fire Brigade, and is very keen and energetic. It will not be out of place to mention one little incident illustrating his resourcefulness. When the accident happened which disabled the Lanark engine, the Instructor at once borrowed a motor cycle from a passer-by, and rode away to telephone for a new part to replace the broken one, and also reported the incident to his Chief Constable, doing exactly the right thing at the right moment.

The other Officers in charge of the Brigades under the Firemaster are also smart, intelligent, and alert.

A very good point is the distinct understanding that when one of the engines is called out, the other stations are to be warned, and they in turn, at once, "stand by."

I timed the turn-out of two of the crews when standing-by, and the response was practically instantaneous, and certainly could not be beaten, as each engine started up on the first pull.

I unhesitatingly report that the property in the County is well and ably protected from fire by the Brigades of the County Council of Lanark, and that their motor pumps are of the most powerful type, and in the very first order of fire-fighting machines. A response to a call with one of these machines enables any class of blaze to be tackled, either on the ground level or on the roof of a building. They are each equal to three of the old horsed machines, viz., a steamer, escape, and tender, with the added advantage of a quicker turn-out and more rapid travelling to the scene of fire.

I also certify that the men are proficient firemen, and compose a real and practical fire-fighting force.

The "trained man" was evident, from the Firemaster himself down to the last joined recruit, the previous training and experience in the Constabulary undoubtedly providing better "material" than the same man would have been before he joined the Police.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

WM. FROST,
Chief Officer.

25th September, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 25th September, 1912, being a Meeting of the Committee of the County Council of Lanark on Fire Brigades.

Present—

John Adam.	George Fraser.
Thomas Arnot.	Alexander Hamilton.
J. Raeside Auld.	Alexander R. Mitchell.
James Cameron.	Alexander Pillans.
William Davie.	William Neilson.
James H. Fenton.	John D. Scott.
Samuel Forrest.	Colonel King Stewart.

William Sym.

Attending—

Captain Despard, Firemaster.

Chairman. Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 26th June, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Report by Firemaster and record of fires. The Firemaster submitted his Report, of date 20th September, and Record of Fires (Appendix I.), which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee.

Proposed re-arrangement of stations consequent on extension of City of Glasgow. With reference to the proposed rearrangement of the brigades consequent upon the inclusion of Shettleston and Tollcross within the City of Glasgow, the meeting appointed the following sub-committee to consider the matter and to report, viz. :—

J. Raeside Auld.	George Fraser.
William Davie.	William Neilson.
James H. Fenton.	Colonel King Stewart.

Mr. George Fraser to be chairman of the committee, and two a quorum.

Biggar fire shed account. The accounts in connection with the erection of the Biggar fire shed, amounting in all to £51 1s. 6d., were submitted and passed for payment.

Authority to Firemaster to order spare parts of engines. The meeting granted the Firemaster authority to order the spare parts of the engines referred to in his report.

Fire alarms. The meeting, having proceeded to consider the question of fire alarms, and reference having been made to the favourable terms upon which farms in outlying districts were connected to the telephone service, agreed that a representation be made to the Post Office Authorities with a view to obtaining some modification of the ordinary charges.

Action at instance of Thomas Deas.—Decision of Lord MacKenzie. With reference to the action raised against the County Council at the instance of Mr. Thomas Deas, Cambuslang, in respect of injuries to his son, the Clerk stated that the case had been tried before Lord MacKenzie on 23rd July last, when the jury returned a verdict for the pursuers, assessing the damages at £400. As Counsel for the defence considered that the verdict was contrary to the evidence, the Insurance Company's Agents had instructed an appeal.

Supplies from water authorities. The meeting, having resumed consideration of the question, remitted to the Chairman and Clerk to consider, and, if so agreed, confer with the several Water Authorities in the County of Lanark for supplies of water being afforded on such terms as may be considered reasonable.

Claim by Mr. Barrie, Carnwath, in respect of damage to polo-cart. There having been submitted to the meeting a claim by Mr. Thomas Barrie, Westfield, Carnwath, in respect of damage alleged to have been caused to a polo-cart belonging to him, by one of the fire engines, near Braehead, on 11th September, the meeting remitted the matter to the Clerk, with powers.

APPENDIX.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

FIRE BRIGADES.

Chief Constable's Office,
Hamilton, 20th September, 1912.

GENTLEMEN,

FIRE BRIGADE CHANGES NECESSITATED BY THE GLASGOW EXTENSION.

In connection with the above I beg to submit the following three schemes for rearranging the Fire Brigade units:—

1. Remove Shettleston fire engine to Cambuslang, and transfer the tender from Cambuslang to Bishopbriggs. This will necessitate a new police station and garage being built at Bishopbriggs.

2. Build a new police station and garage at Baillieston to accommodate the Shettleston engine.
   Make a new sub-station at Bishopbriggs, and equip with small motor tender, costing about £480.

3. By arrangement with the Burgh of Motherwell, build a fire station there, and remove to it the Bellshill engine, and rearrange as shown in Scheme 2.

No. 3 is probably the most economical, and from a purely fire-brigade point of view, the most efficient of the three alternatives; but as there may be some difficulty in arranging terms, I suggest that No. 1 is the best practicable scheme for protecting the heaviest fire risks in the immediate neighbourhood of Glasgow.

No. 2 is the scheme on which the claim for compensation from Glasgow was based.

Should you decide to adopt the first scheme, a new fire station will be required at Bishopbriggs, and this could be built in connection with the new police station at present under consideration by the Standing Joint-Committee.

The suggested strength of the police force at Bishopbriggs is 2 sergeants and 4 constables; this will give 1 sergeant and 2 constables continually available for fire-brigade work, which, with 6 to 8 civilian firemen, should form an efficient crew.

Biggar Fire Station is now completed, and I beg to hand in accounts for payment.

In doing so, I may explain that I authorised the provision of a roof-light, and a water-supply pipe and drain, also the painting and varnishing of the woodwork.

I find that it is advisable to have (in stock) certain spare parts, such as driving chains, bolts, caps, &c., for each fire engine.

I shall be glad to have authority to order these parts to the probable value of £8 per engine.

I beg to hand in a statement showing fires attended during a period of 14 weeks.

I have the honour to be, GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

H. J. DESPARD, CAPTAIN,
Firemaster.

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS,
Fire Brigade Committee.

RECORD OF FIRES ATTENDED BY THE BRIGADE FOR PERIOD

No.	Station Called.	Date and Hour of Call.	No. of Firemen (Police and Civilians) who answered.	Distance from Station to Fire.	Time of Arrival at Fire.	Class of Premises on Fire. Address and Name of Occupier.	Supposed Cause of Fire.
1	Lanark, -	June 20th, 3.55 p.m.	Police 3,	5 miles,	15 min. from call,	Row of four thatched-roof houses at Braidwood, owned by Col. Stevenson,	Spark off a passing traction engine,
2	Cambuslang,	June 23rd, 11.42 a.m.	Police 4,	¾ mile,	7 min. from call,	Store in Electricity Works, owned and in the occupation of Lanark County Council.	Hot cinder from furnace got into oily waste,
3	Larkhall,	June 25th, 12.35 a.m.	Police 5, Civilians 3,	½ mile,	6 min. from call,	Stationery shop, 51 Percy Street, occupied by Thomas Heaney,	Burning match dropped in waste paper,
4	Shettleston,	June 27th, 1.10 p.m.	Police 4, Civilians 2,	½ mile,	5 min. from call,	Single apartment on top flat, 4-storey tenement of shops and houses, Mrs. Robertson, occupier,	Defective chimney,
5	Shettleston,	July 1st, 1.37 p.m.	Police 5, Civilian 1,	1 mile,	7 min. from call,	Tenement dwelling-house, occupied by Kilpatrick Smith, a cashier,	Defective chimney,
6	Cambuslang,	July 1st, 4.5 p.m.	Police 4, Civilian 1,	100 yds.,	4 min. from call,	Single apartment on top flat of 3-storey tenement, occupied by George Walker,	Spark from kitchen fire,
7	Cambuslang,	July 5th, 12.44 p.m.	Police 4,	1¼ miles,	8 min. from call,	Roof of a 2-storey miner's house, belonging to Flemington Coal Company, and occupied by Paul Harker,	Spark from chimney,
8	Cambuslang,	July 8th, 12.35 a.m.	Police 3,	400 yds.,	5 min. from call,	Floor of labourer's house on top floor of 3-storey tenement, Morriston Street,	Spark from fire,
9	Cambuslang.	July 8th, 8.20 p.m.	Police 3, Civilian 1,	1 mile,	6 min. from call,	Lamp cabin on Caledonian Railway at Eastfield, Rutherglen,	Spark from passing engine,
10	Cambuslang,	July 11th, 5.35 p.m.	Police 4, Civilian 1,	1 mile,	8 min. from call,	Wooden pavilion belonging to the Rutherglen Cricket Club at Eastfield,	Spark from passing engine,
11	Shettleston,	July 13th, 4.50 p.m.	Police 6,	½ mile,	5 min. from call.	Gas left burning in house of Thomas Freer at 163 Eastmuir Street, Shettleston, neighbours got alarmed,	...
12	Lanark,	July 15th, 6.30 p.m.	Police 3. Civilians 3,	5 miles,	15 min. from call,	Bakehouse of Thos. Gray, Rankin Street, Carluke,	Overheated flue,
13	Lanark, -	July 20th, 7.2 p.m.	Police 3, Civilians 3,	6 miles,	16 min. from call,	Stack of straw at Wester town Farm, Forth, George Sommerville,	Children with matches,
14	Bellshill, -	July 24th, 6.18 a.m	Police 6, Civilians 2,	¾ mile,	5 min. from call,	Electric Sub-Power Station, belonging to Clyde Valley Electric Power Company,	Fused wire,

FIRE BRIGADE.

OF FOURTEEN WEEKS ENDING 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1912.

Estimated Value of Property on Fire (Building and Contents).	Estimated Value of Property Destroyed.	By what means was the Fire extinguished?	No. of Hydrants in use.	No. of Lengths of Hose in use.	Was the Water Pressure satisfactory?	Return of Engine and Firemen to Station.	REMARKS.
£340	£250	Water pumped from a pond,	...	Twelve,	...	8.15 p.m.	
250	58	Water from street hydrant,	One,	One,	Yes,	1.10 p.m.	
1,200	28	Water from street hydrant,	One,	Four,	Yes,	1.55 a.m.	
2,900	2 10s.	Chemical extinguishers.	..	...	...	1.45 p.m.	
5,300	350	Water pumped from a burn,	...	...	No,	3.55 p.m.,	No water could be got from hydrant, water evidently turned off for repairs.
1,200	7 10s.	Pails of water and one extinguisher,	...	...	...	4.25 p.m.	
1,000	3 10s.	First-aid tank on tender,	....	...	...	1.20 p.m	
8,200	15s.	Pails of water,	...	...	...	12.55 a.m.	
15	10	Water from street hydrant.	One,	Three,	Yes,	9.25 p.m.	
20	17	Water from hydrant,	One,	Five,	Yes,	6.30 p.m.	
—	—	Turned gas off at meter,	...	...	...	5 p.m.	
700	150	Water from street hydrant	One,	Seven,	No,	8.30 p.m.,	Only 25-lb. pressure on water from hydrant.
45	15	Water from emergency tank on engine,	...	...	...	8.45 p.m.,	Emergency tank kept refilled by carrying from pump for domestic supply,
1,500	50	Throwing sand on burning material,	...	...	...	6.40 a.m.	

No.	Station Called.	Date and Hour of Call.	No. of Firemen (Police and Civilians) who answered.	Distance from Station to Fire.	Time of Arrival at Fire.	Class of Premises on Fire. Address and Name of Occupier.	Supposed Cause of Fire.
15	Bellshill, -	July 25th, 10.5 a.m.	Police 6, Civilian 1,	3 miles,	9 min. from call,	Oil store and stable at No. 3 Pit, Bredisholm, belonging to United Collieries, Limited,	Unknown,
16	Larkhall, -	Aug. 21st, 3.7 p.m.	Police 6,	8½ miles.	24 min. from call,	Washhouse, &c., at Letham Cottage, Strathaven, owned by John Napier, of Letham,	Defective vent,
17	Shettleston,	Aug. 22nd, 12.40 p.m.	Police 5,	2 miles,	10 min. from call,	Furniture in villa belonging to James Willox, Mount Vernon,	Child with matches,
18	Bellshill, -	Aug. 26th, 4.25 p.m.	Police 7, Civilian 1,	2½ miles,	7 min. from call,	Hay stack at Thorniewood belonging to David Forrest,	Child with matches,
19	Shettleston,	Sept. 8th, 9.15 p.m.	Police 4, Civilian 1,	400 yds.,	5 min. from call,	Miner's house in four-storey tenement occupied by James Hartley, Wellshot Road,	Kindling fire on hearth, set fire to joist below,
20	Lanark,	Sept. 11th, 3.10 p.m.	Police 4, Civilians 2,	12 miles,	25 min. from call,	Hay in a shed at Loanhead Farm, Tarbrax, occupied by James Tweedie,	Children with matches,
21	Bellshill, -	Sept. 13th, 3.23 p.m.	Police 5, Civilian 1,	2½ miles,	6 min. from call,	Hay in shed at Peel Cottage Farm, Uddingston, occupied by Adam Meiklejohn,	Boy with matches,
22	Cambuslang,	Sept. 15th, 12.10 a.m.	Police 3, Civilians 3,	100 yds.,	5 min. from call,	House of Andrew Blake, in middle flat of three-storey tenement, Mansion Street,	Escaping gas ignited,

Estimated Value of Property on Fire (Building and Contents).	Estimated Value of Property Destroyed.	By what means was the Fire extinguished?	No. of Hydrants in use.	No. of Lengths of Hose in use.	Was the Water Pressure satisfactory?	Return of Engine and Firemen to Station.	Remarks.
£400	£50	Water pumped by pit engine and pit hose,	...	...	...	10.55 a.m.	
500	50	Pumping water from a pond 300 yards distant,	...	Nine,	...	5.35 p.m.	
700	20	Pails of water,	...	...	...	1.6 p.m.,	Fire out before Brigade arrived.
22	22	Water pumped from hydrants,	Two,	Seven,	No,	6.20 p.m.	
3,000	1	Chemical extinguisher,	...	...	...	10.10 p.m.	
279	279	Water from a domestic pump at farm,	...	...	...	9.35 p.m.	
220	120	Water from street hydrant,	Two,	Eight,	Yes,	9 p.m.	
1,250	5	Chemical extinguisher	...	...	...	12.34 a.m.	

H. J. DESPARD, *Captain,*
Firemaster.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 3rd July, 1912, being a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the County Council of Lanark as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts. 3rd July, 1912.

Present—

J. P. Baird.
William Barr.
James Cameron.
Samuel Forrest.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lochhart, Bart.
John M. Loudon.
David K. Michie.
Andrew Murdoch.
William Neilson.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
William Sym.
William Templeton.

Attending—

Deputy Chief Constable Morrison, as representing Captain Despard, Chief Constable of the County.
Hugh Begg, Veterinary Inspector.

Mr. William Templeton, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk stated that outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease had occurred in various districts in the North of England, and that it was alleged that the source of the outbreak had been traced to cattle which had recently been imported from Ireland. *Foot-and-Mouth Disease.—Outbreaks in North of England.*

He further stated that the Board of Agriculture had made an Order prohibiting the landing in Great Britain of cattle from Ireland, but that it appeared from this morning's newspaper that the Board proposed to relax the Order to the extent of allowing cattle to be imported from Ireland on condition that they were immediately slaughtered. *Order by Board of Agriculture prohibiting movement of cattle into Great Britain from Ireland.*

The Board had also made Orders prohibiting movement into or out of those districts in the North of England in which the disease had made its appearance, copies of which were submitted to the meeting. *Other Orders.*

The Clerk at the same time laid before the meeting an Order made by the Board of Agriculture, dated 1st July, 1912, amending Article 6 of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order of 1895, so as to permit of any animal to which a Notice (Form D) applied being moved to the nearest available slaughter-house under licence granted by an Inspector of the Local Authority, provided that on examination by the Veterinary Inspector of the Local Authority it is found to be free from foot-and-mouth disease. *Order amending Article 6 of Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order of 1895.*

The meeting having proceeded to consider the question as to the expediency of making Regulations dealing with the movement of animals into or out of the County, *Foot-and-Mouth Disease. — Regulations made by Local Authority.*

agreed, after discussion, to make, and hereby make, the following Regulation, viz. :—

From and after the date hereof no cattle (including calves), sheep, goats, or swine presently in any part of England or Wales, or which, within the past 28 days, have been in any part of England or Wales, nor any cattle (including calves), sheep, goats, or swine which have been in contact with any such cattle, sheep, goats, or swine as aforesaid shall be moved into the County of Lanark.

The Clerk was instructed to take the necessary steps with a view to the publication of the Regulation and to its enforcement.

Irish cattle in County.—Notices served restricting movement.

The Clerk further reported that, in accordance with the directions of the Board of Agriculture, steps were being taken to trace all Irish cattle which had arrived in this County during the past fourteen days, and he submitted a list of animals in respect of which notices had been served restricting movement.

Disease of Animals Lanarkshire Order. —Notifications.

The Clerk reported that since the date of last meeting 45 cases had been notified under the Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order, 1907, and that of these 1 had been certified to be a case of anthrax, the particulars of the case being as follows :—

Glentewing Farm, Crawfordjohn (James Watson).

The animal affected was a four years' old Ayrshire cow, which was bred on the farm. This was the only animal on the farm which was being fed on artificial food, the food consisting of improved compound cake.

The Clerk stated that in the above case the diagnosis of the County Veterinary Inspector had been confirmed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries; that the carcase had been destroyed; and that the usual precautionary measures had been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Parasitic mange.

The Clerk reported that a case of parasitic mange had occurred at Omoa Road, Cleland (James Cavanagh), the animal in question being a Clydesdale mare which had been bought at a horse sale in Glasgow on 26th ultimo.

He further stated that the usual instructions had been given to the owner as to treatment, and precautionary measures taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Swine Fever.

The Clerk stated that since the date of last meeting the following premises had been defined as swine fever infected places under the Swine Fever Orders, viz. :—

(1) Ryeland Farm, Strathaven (Wm. Lindsay).
(2) Tweedieside Farm, by Strathaven (John Lawrie).
(3) Maidenburn Farm, Strathaven (Robert Stobo).
(4) Govan Combination Poorhouse, Merryflatts, Govan (John Thompson).
(5) Liscleugh Farm, Crawfordjohn (Thomas and Robert Stewart).
(6) Hall of Kype, Strathaven (Thomas Jack).
(7) Hardgate Farm, Shieldhall (James M'Kerracher).
(8) East Greenlees, Cambuslang (George Tennant).
(9) Overton Farm, Hallside, Newton (John Smith).

The Clerk stated that in cases Nos. 4 and 8 above referred to the Board had certified that Swine Fever existed.

Withdrawal of restrictions.

He also reported that the restrictions had been withdrawn in cases Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6, and also in the following two cases reported to last meeting :—

(1) Hall of Kype, Strathaven (Thomas Jack).
(2) Yett Farm, Newarthill (John Gray).

Contraventions.

The Clerk submitted police information as to alleged contraventions of the Swine Fever Orders in the following cases, viz. :—

(1) John Paterson, labourer, Kirktonhill, Dykehead Road, Carluke.
(2) James Tennant, butcher, Main Street, Forth.
(3) William Dunlop, butcher, 177 Main Street, Bellshill.
(4) John Lindsay, butcher, Sunflower Cottage, Victoria Street, Larkhall.
(5) Joseph Purdon, pig feeder, Lambhill Cottage, Lambhill.

(6) Bernard M'Laughlan, pig feeder, 4 Crossloan Road, Govan.
(7) William Wharrie, farmer, Perryflatts Farm, Covington, Thankerton.
(8) John Paton, fruiterer, Orbistone Dairy, Crossgates.

The Clerk having explained the circumstances in each of the above cases, the meeting agreed that proceedings should be taken in the cases of William Dunlop and Joseph Purdon, and that a warning be addressed to each of the other offenders.

Wild Birds Protection.—Contraventions.

There were laid before the meeting police informations as to alleged contraventions of the Wild Birds Protection Acts, and Order, in the following cases:—

(1) William Muir (aged 12), Kirkmuirhill.
(2) William M'Gregor (age 14), 109 Coventry Drive, Glasgow.
(3) Charles Edmonston (aged 12 years, 2 months), 58 Coventry Drive, Glasgow.
(4) Arthur John Firth (aged 11 years, 6 months), 26 Coventry Drive, Glasgow.

Letter of warning to be sent.

The Clerk having explained the circumstances in each of the above cases, the meeting, while agreeing not to prosecute in this instance, instructed him to communicate with the parents or guardians of the boys in question, warning them against any repetition of the offence.

International Congress of Entomology.—Appointment of delegates.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from the Secretary of the International Congress of Entomology, inviting this County Council to appoint delegates to attend the Congress to be held at Oxford on 5th to 10th August next. The meeting appointed the Chairman and Mr. Pollok to attend the Congress referred to as the delegates of this Local Authority.

Veterinary Inspectors. — Motor car expenses.

There having been submitted a letter from the Veterinary Inspector, of date 24th May, transmitting an account of his motor car expenses for the year ended 15th May, the meeting, after consideration, remitted to the Clerk to confer with Mr. Begg on the question of the rate of allowance per mile, and to report.

Diseases of Animals (Consolidation) Bill.

The Clerk laid before the meeting a copy of the Diseases of Animals (Consolidation) Bill which had been introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. George Greenwood.

Remit to sub-committee.

The meeting remitted to a sub-committee, consisting of the Chairman, Colonel King Stewart, Messrs. William Neilson, William Love, and John D. Scott, to consider the Bill, and to take such action in connection therewith as they may consider advisable.

Swine Fever Orders.—Letter from County Clerk of Aberdeen.

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from the County Clerk of Aberdeen, of date 29th May, on the subject of the Swine Fever Orders, stating that his Local Authority had made a representation to the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries in favour of a modification of the present Orders so as to permit of free movement of swine within the respective scheduled areas.

As relative to the same matter, the Clerk stated, with reference to the request made to the President of the Board of Agriculture for a personal interview, that no appointment had yet been made.

Remuneration of Chief Constable Macdonald as Inspector.

The meeting agreed that the remuneration of Chief Constable Macdonald, Coatbridge, as Inspector of the Local Authority within the Burgh, be fixed at £10 per annum.

Account from Sanitary Inspector at Coatbridge.

The Clerk submitted an account from the Sanitary Inspector at Coatbridge, amounting to £2 15s., for disinfecting vehicles used in the conveyance of swine to Strathmore Auction Market, Coatbridge, and the meeting passed the same for payment.

17th July, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 17th July, 1912, being a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the County Council of Lanark as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Present—

J. P. Baird.
James Cameron.
Thomas G. Cowan.
James Davidson.
Alexander Hamilton.
William Love.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
Andrew Murdoch.
William Neilson.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
John D. Scott.
William Sym.
William Templeton.

Attending—

Hugh Begg, County Veterinary Inspector.

Chairman.

Mr. William Templeton, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 3rd July, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved and signed.

Foot and Mouth Disease.—Orders.

The Clerk laid before the meeting copies of the additional Orders in connection with Foot-and-Mouth Disease which had been made by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries since the date of last meeting, and stated that these related exclusively to districts in England; that so far no case had occurred in Scotland; and that, though one or two serious outbreaks had taken place within the last day or two in English counties, there was reason to hope that the Board had now got the matter under control.

List of cattle under restriction.

He also submitted a list of cattle in this County which owing to their being Irish cattle recently imported or cattle which had been in contact with diseased or suspected animals had been placed under restriction, and stated that he had been in almost daily communication with the Board on the subject; that with the Board's approval these restrictions were now in course of being withdrawn, but that as a precautionary measure it had been thought advisable before the withdrawal of the restrictions that the animals in question should in each case be inspected a second time by the Veterinary Inspector.

He stated for the information of the committee that since 30th June that the number of animals which had been placed under restriction and which had been examined by the Veterinary Inspector was 1,586.

Report of Departmental Committee on Foot and Mouth Disease.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the President of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries to enquire into Foot-and-Mouth Disease, dated 22nd May, 1912, and he read to the meeting the recommendations made by that committee as to the appointment of Veterinary Inspectors to Local Authorities.

17th July, 1912.

The following is an extract from the Report bearing on this matter, viz. :—

"VETERINARY INSPECTORS OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AND OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

"In the course of the inquiry the committee have received evidence as to the methods of appointment and qualifications of Veterinary Inspectors under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

"The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries require that their Veterinary Inspectors, after taking their diploma at the Royal Veterinary College, and after a probationary period of two years, shall pass further written and practical examinations in advanced pathology and epizootiology, which require candidates to engage in post-graduate study, and avail themselves of post-graduate teaching, the retention of their services by the Board being conditional on the examinations being passed. Special facilities are given for the attendance at a post-graduate course.

"The Veterinary Inspectors of Local Authorities are necessarily chosen, as a rule, from the available veterinary surgeons engaged in private practice, often considerable, in the locality.

"It naturally follows that in the great majority of cases these latter officers are unable to spare the time necessary for post-graduate training.

"It is clear that post-graduate training is appreciated by the veterinary profession at large, inasmuch as post-graduate classes were regularly conducted at one at least of the veterinary colleges, and that no less than 300 veterinary surgeons at home and from the Colonies have availed themselves of these classes in the last seven or eight years (2,572).

"Moreover, the diploma-granting body of the veterinary profession—the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons—has been prevented from instituting a post-graduate diploma in veterinary science and practice owing only to want of funds (1,036), (1,039).

"In considering the question of the qualifications which should be possessed by Veterinary Inspectors of Local Authorities, the committee are of opinion that, in view of the progress of veterinary science in its application to the control and eradication of contagious diseases, the subjects grouped under epizootiology can now only be adequately taught in post-graduate courses of a practical kind.

"In expressing this view, the committee have no desire to minimise the valuable services which the veterinary profession have rendered in the suppression of contagious diseases of animals, and in this connection they recognise to the full the fact that the remuneration offered to Veterinary Inspectors by Local Authorities is insufficient to attract the services of specially qualified men. The committee, therefore, strongly recommend that the appointment of all Veterinary Inspectors of Local Authorities should be in accordance with uniform rules relating to qualifications to be laid down by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

"The committee are impressed with the importance of the fact that in dealing with contagious diseases, especially those which are known to spread rapidly, an early and accurate diagnosis is essential to success, and since it was stated in evidence that it would not be possible for the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries to maintain a sufficient staff to deal with such epizootics as cattle plague, foot-and-mouth disease, &c., supposing they broke through the first line of defence and spread over the country, and that under a misfortune of this kind the Board would have to rely, to a very great extent, on the veterinary organisations set up by the various Local Authorities under the Diseases of Animals Acts, the committee think it imperative that arrangements should, if possible, be made, whereby every Local Authority or group of Local Authorities under the Diseases of Animals Acts should have at their disposal the services of a Chief Veterinary Officer with special qualifications in veterinary science and practice.

"This officer should be recognised as the Chief Veterinary Officer for the administrative area for which he is appointed, and should not be in private practice, but should devote his whole time to work under the Diseases of Animals Acts. It is suggested that his duties should include inspecting, directing, and reporting on the work done by the ordinary Veterinary Inspectors of the district making veterinary examinations and reports to the Board of Agriculture on reported outbreaks of swine fever and other diseases, and be available by the Board of Agriculture for organising and carrying out protective measures on the outbreak of any epizootic diseases.

"In the small administrative areas the appointment of this officer might enable Local Authorities to dispense with one or more of their present officials.

"His appointment and dismissal should be subject to the sanction of the Board, and his salary, which should be large enough to attract the best men in the profession, should be provided, say, as to three-fourths by the Board, and one-fourth by the Local Authority.

"Finally, we would strongly urge the desirability of immediate steps being taken towards instituting, by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, a post-graduate qualification in veterinary science and practice."

Sub-Committee appointed.

The meeting, after consideration, expressed the view that the recommendations of the committee in this connection, if given effect to, would eventually lead to the Local Authorities losing control over their Veterinary Officers, and agreed to make representations against the proposals, and appointed the Chairman, the Convener of the County, and Mr. John D. Scott as a sub-committee to take such action in the matter as they may consider advisable.

Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order.

The Clerk reported that since the date of last meeting 9 cases had been notified under the Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order, 1907, but that of these none had been certified to be anthrax.

Withdrawal of restrictions.—Glentewing Farm.

The Clerk reported the withdrawal of restrictions placed on the movement of animals on Glentewing Farm, Crawfordjohn.

Swine Fever.—Infected places.

The Clerk stated that since the date of last meeting the following places had been defined as swine fever infected places, viz. :—

(1) Omoa Poorhouse, Cleland (James Reid, Governor).
(2) Dumbreck Farm, Govan (William M'Kenzie).
(3) 61 Dale Street, Govan (James Haney).
(4) 116 Queen Street, Govan (Edward Bruce).
(5) 112 Queen Street, Govan (Anna Wright).
(6) 165 Broomloan Road, Govan (Mary Russell or Johnston).
(7) Moorepark House, Govan (Oliver Campbell).
(8) 120 Queen Street, Govan (William John Robertson).
(9) Ibrox Farm, Govan (William Graham).
(10) Crowfoot Farm, Rutherglen (James Campbell).
(11) 124 Princes Street, Govan (John Cunningham).
(12) Springboig, Shettleston (Henry Hamilton).
(13) Gadloch, Lenzie (Henry M'Laren).
(14) High Murray Farm, East Kilbride (William M'Laughlan).
(15) Bogleshole Farm, Carmyle (David Howet).
(16) 105 Queen Street, Govan (James Feeney).
(17) Waterbank, Carmunnock (William Gibson).
(18) 113 Queen Street, Govan (Brian Curran).
(19) 141 Queen Street, Govan (George Binnie).
(20) 137 Queen Street, Govan (Samuel Wilson).
(21) Torrance Farm, Harthill (James Orr).

The Clerk reported the withdrawal of restrictions in the case of No. 1 above mentioned.

Cases of William Dunlop and Joseph Purdon.

The Clerk having submitted a letter which he had received from Mr. William Dunlop, butcher, Bellshill, relating to his alleged contravention of the Swine Fever Orders, the meeting, having reviewed the circumstances in this case, as well as in the case of Joseph Purdon, Lambhill, agreed that proceedings should not be proceeded with, and instructed accordingly.

Result of prosecutions under Wild Birds Protection Acts.

The Clerk reported the results of proceedings which had been taken under the Wild Birds Protection Acts in the following cases, viz. :—

(1) Andrew Young and Charles Robinson, both of Darvel, for taking and destroying plovers' eggs on Sunday, 7th April, on the farms of Hairshaw and Mount, Strathaven, in the Parish of Avondale. Both the accused were found not guilty

(2) Archibald Jamieson and James Walker, both of Darvel, for taking and destroying thirteen lapwings' eggs on Monday, 1st April, on the farm of Meadowfoot, in the Parish of Avondale. Both the accused were found guilty, and fined 15s., or five days.

(3) William Ritchie and Hugh Brown, both of Darvel, for taking and destroying six lapwings' eggs on Monday, 1st April, on the farm of Meadowfoot, in the Parish of Avondale. Both the accused were found guilty, but were admonished.

(4) James Young and John Roxburgh, both of Darvel, for taking and destroying four lapwings' eggs on Sunday, 14th April, on the farms of Hairshaw, Meadowfoot, and Mount, in the Parish of Avondale. Both the accused were found guilty, and fined £1, or five days.

Epizootic abortion.—Report by Veterinary Inspector.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from the Veterinary Inspector, stating that as the result of enquiries made by himself and Mr. James Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., during the season of dairy herd inspection, he had prepared statistics showing that cases of epizootic abortion had occurred on upwards of twenty-five farms during the past twelve months, and that centres of infection existed in each of the Wards of the County.

Congresses.—Representatives appointed.

The meeting authorised the Veterinary Inspector to attend—

(1) The Annual Congress of the National Veterinary Association, to be held at Manchester on 24th and 25th July;

(2) The Annual Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute, to be held at York from 29th July to 3rd August; and

(3) The Annual Meeting of the Association of Veterinary Officers of Health, to be held at Perth on 29th August.

The meeting also appointed Mr. James Cameron and Mr. William Sym to attend the Annual Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute at York, and Mr. James Prentice to attend the Annual Congress of the National Veterinary Association to be held at Manchester.

Veterinary Inspector's motor car expenses.

Under reference to the minutes of the last meeting, it was agreed, after hearing a statement by the Clerk regarding Mr. Begg's motor car expenses, to increase the rate of allowance per mile from 4½d. to 6d., and that this be made retrospective.

The meeting at the same time agreed to remit to the Chairman, Mr. Neilson, and the Clerk to consider if any better arrangement could be made as regards the future, and report.

28th August, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 28th August, 1912, being a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the County Council of Lanark as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Present—

J. P. Baird.
William Barr.
James Cameron.
Thomas G. Cowan.
Samuel Forrest.
Alexander Hamilton.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart.
John M. Loudon.
William Love.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
David K. Michie.
Andrew Murdoch.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
William Templeton.
James Young.

Attending—

Captain Despard, Chief Constable of the County.
Hugh Begg, County Veterinary Inspector.

Chairman.

Mr. Templeton, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were intimated from Mr. John D. Scott and Mr. Munro.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 17th July, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Appointment of Mr. John D. Scott under the Board of Agriculture for Scotland. —Committee's congratulations.

On the motion of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to offer to Mr. John D. Scott, who had been for so many years Chairman of this Committee, their heartiest congratulations on his appointment under the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, and at the same time to record in the Minutes an expression of their appreciation of the honour thereby conferred upon him. The Clerk was instructed to transmit to Mr. Scott an excerpt from the Minutes of the Committee.

Foot-and-mouth Disease.—Various communications submitted.

With regard to the matter of the Regulations made under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Orders, the Clerk submitted the following communications, viz. :—

(1) *Letters from the Border Union Agriculture Society,*
transmitting copy of a communication from the Board of Agriculture stating their views in the matter, and enquiring whether in the event of no further outbreak of disease occurring in England this Local Authority would be prepared to remove at the end of this month the restrictions upon the admission of English sheep into the County.

(2) *Letters from Mr. Christopher Culley, West Ditchburn, Alnwick, Northumberland,*
applying for permission to move blackfaced rams to the sale at Lanark on September 10th.

(3) *Application from Mr. Stuart Heaton, Worsley, near Manchester,*
applying for permission to move boars into the County for breeding purposes.

(4) *Application from Mr. J. Logan, Coltness,*
for permission to move Jersey cattle into the County.

With regard to the views of the Board of Agriculture, the Clerk explained that the Board, in their communication to the Secretary of the Border Union Agriculture Society, state that while there is nothing in the Orders of the Board to prevent the movement into Scotland of animals from any place in England which is not scheduled under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Orders, they do not feel justified in interfering with the discretion of any Local Authority who have made regulations restricting or prohibiting the movement.

28th August, 1912.

With a view to affording the committee as full information as possible, the Clerk stated that the Board were communicated with, and asked to indicate on a map the areas in the North of England which are presently prohibited areas under the Orders, and he submitted the Board's reply transmitting a map, and stating there are now no Foot-and-Mouth Disease restrictions in force in Cumberland, Westmorland, or the North Riding of Yorkshire, or in any part of Lancashire or Yorkshire north of Oldham or Leeds respectively.

The Clerk also stated that he had been in communication with other Local Authorities in Scotland who had received similar applications in respect to movement of animals, and especially sheep, from England, and so far as could be ascertained the position of matters was as follows:—

(1) Roxburghshire have declined to modify their regulation prohibiting movement, mainly for the reason that the majority of the important sheep farming counties in Scotland have declined to relax their regulations, and that in the case of one county at least an indication had been given that if sheep from England were admitted into Roxburghshire, an Order would be made prohibiting the movement of stock of all kinds into that county from the County of Roxburgh.

(2) East, Mid, and West Lothian and Peeblesshire had all indicated their refusal to modify their regulations at the present time.

(3) The City of Edinburgh by Order, dated 15th August, had agreed to allow the movement of stock from the Counties of Cumberland and Westmorland.

The Clerk stated that, in consequence of the action of the Edinburgh City Authorities, the Counties of East, Mid, and West Lothian and Peeblesshire had decided to prohibit the movement of stock from the City of Edinburgh into their districts.

For the information of the committee there were also submitted the weekly returns issued by the Board, which showed that since the week ending 27th July there had occurred six outbreaks of the disease in the County of Northumberland, the last outbreak occurring in the week ending 17th current.

Resolution of meeting.

The meeting, having very carefully considered the whole matter, agreed to adhere to their present regulation prohibiting the movement into this County of stock from any part of England and Wales, and further agreed, in view of the action of the Edinburgh City Authorities, to prohibit as from and after this date the movement of stock from the City of Edinburgh into the district of this Local Authority.

Appointment of representatives to attend conference of Local Authorities.

The meeting appointed the Chairman, Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, and Mr. J. P. Baird as representatives to attend any meeting of Local Authorities which may be convened for the purpose of considering future action.

Letter from County Clerk of Berwick.

The Clerk submitted a communication from the County Clerk of Berwick, of date 26th current, inviting the opinion of this Local Authority in regard to a proposal that special licences be granted to farmers in Berwickshire for the movement into that county of stock which had been sent temporarily across the Border to graze.

The meeting, after consideration, declined to express any opinion in the matter.

Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order, 1907.

Anthrax.

The Clerk stated that since the date of last meeting, there had been 12 notifications under the Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order, 1907, of which number two had been certified to be cases of Anthrax, and that the particulars of these cases were as follows:—

(1) *Grange Farm, Pettinain* (*James Prentice*).

The animal affected in this case was a milk cow, aged five years, which had been bred on the farm and died on 12th August. There was no artificial feeding, and the origin of the outbreak was unknown.

There remain on the farm 33 cattle, 28 sheep, 22 swine, and 3 horses.

(2) *Cowbrae Farm, Airdrie (John Jack).*

The animal affected in this case was an Ayrshire cow, aged four years. It had been on the farm for 18 months. Owing to a fractured leg it was taken into the byre five weeks prior to its death on 29th July, and had been fed on linseed, Bibby cake, and pearneal.

There remain on the farm 27 cattle, 4 swine, and 1 horse.

The Clerk reported that in each of the above cases the carcase was removed to Omoa and there destroyed, and the premises disinfected. He further stated that the restrictions on the premises had now been withdrawn.

Glanders. — Outbreak at Greenhill Colliery, Cleland.

The Clerk stated that since the date of last meeting a case of glanders had occurred at No. 12 Pit, Greenhill Colliery, Cleland, where a pony belonging to the Greenhill Colliery Company had been affected. The particulars reported in this case were that the carcase of the pony had been removed to Omoa Nackery, where, on a *post-mortem* examination, the Veterinary Inspector found it to be badly affected with the disease. It had been ascertained that the pony in question had been in the pit for two years, but that it had been stabled alongside a Russian pony which had been purchased on 27th April last, and which, after illness, had died on 8th August. The carcase of the Russian pony had been sent to Omoa, but the butcher there, in the absence of Mr. Mason, believing it to be a case of tuberculosis did not notify it. The Veterinary Inspector stated that, although one could not speak with certainty, he thought it likely that the Russian pony had been affected with the disease. There are other six ponies in the pit, and these have all been subjected to the mallein test with negative results. The test has also been applied to 13 ponies in an adjoining pit belonging to the same Company with similar results.

Glanders.—Suspected cases.

The Clerk also reported the following particulars regarding two suspected cases of glanders, viz. :—

(1) *Caldermill, Nackerty, Parish of Bothwell (United Collieries, Limited).*

The animal supposed to be affected is a cob gelding which had been attended by a local veterinary surgeon, who reported to the Veterinary Inspector that he had for a second time applied the mallein test with doubtful results. The Veterinary Inspector thereupon examined the animal, and found that it showed a local reaction. In the circumstances it was thought advisable to restrict the movement of the animal, with the object of having it tested again by the Veterinary Inspector in the course of the next 14 days or so.

(2) *Crown Hotel, Wishaw (John Hunter).*

The animal supposed in this case is a Russian pony, which was purchased at Doncaster on 20th August last. The case was reported by a local veterinary surgeon, who had applied the mallein test on two different occasions with doubtful results. A notice placing restrictions on the movement of the animal has been served on the owner, and it is the intention of the Veterinary Inspector to apply the test again after a lapse of a reasonable time.

Parasitic mange. — Withdrawal of restrictions.

With reference to the case of parasitic mange at Omoa Road, Cleland (James Cavanagh), which had been reported to the committee on 3rd July last, the Clerk stated that the restrictions had now been withdrawn.

Swine fever.—Infected places.

The Clerk stated that since the date of last meeting the following places had been defined as swine-fever infected places, viz. :—

(1) Low Kittymuir Farm, Quarter (Andrew Hamilton).
(2) Burnwynd Farm, Glassford (William Orr).
(3) Penty Farm, Cleland (William Loudon).
(4) Gainerhill Farm, Strathaven (John Fleming).
(5) Braehead Row, Bargeddie (James Brown).
(6) Carntyne, Shettleston (John Brown).
(7) Lochburn, Lambhill (James Graham).
(8) Townhead, Leadhills (Miss J. M'Kean).

(9) Hamilton's Dairy, John Street, Larkhall (Mrs. J. Hamilton).
(10) Kirkstyle, Glenmavis, New Monkland (Jack Brothers).
(11) Knoweknack, Kirkmuirhill (John MacRae).
(12) Waterhead Farm, Lesmahagow (John Steel).

Withdrawal of restrictions.

The Clerk reported the withdrawal of restrictions in all cases reported to last meeting, and in the following cases above mentioned, viz., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Contravention.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting police information against Mr. James Wilson, Westburn Farm, Cambuslang, for an alleged contravention of the Swine Fever Orders.

The Clerk having explained the particulars of the case, the meeting agreed that the circumstances were not such as to justify proceedings being taken.

International Congress on Entomology.—Report by Chairman.

The Chairman reported that he and Mr. Pollok had, as appointed by the committee, attended as the delegates from this County Council the International Congress on Entomology, which was held at Oxford on 5th to 10th August; that the Congress was a most representative one, delegates being present from all the more important countries; and that the papers read and the discussions following thereon were most interesting and instructive. He also referred to certain of the subjects discussed which specially concerned Local Authorities, and stated that the Proceedings of the Congress would be printed and published at as early a date as possible.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 4th September, 1912, being a meeting of the Executive Committee of the County Council of Lanark as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

4th September, 1912.

Present—

J. P. Baird.
William Barr.
James Cameron.
Thomas G. Cowan.
Alexander Hamilton.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart.
William Love.
D. K. Michie.
William Neilson.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
William Sym.
William Templeton.

Attending—

Hugh Begg, County Veterinary Inspector.

Chairman.

Mr. Templeton, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 28th ultimo, were submitted in draft.

Foot-and-mouth disease.—Letter from Town Clerk of Edinburgh.

With reference to the Regulations under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order. the Clerk submitted a letter which he had received from the Town-Clerk of Edinburgh, and which was in the following terms, viz. :—

"City Chambers, Edinburgh,
"30th August, 1912.

"DEAR SIR,

"FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

"I have to inform you that, in view of the action taken by your Local Authority, among others, in passing a regulation prohibiting the movement of stock from the City of Edinburgh into the district of the County of Lanark, on the ground that the markets in the Edinburgh district have been opened to animals coming from Cumberland and Westmoreland, the Executive Committee of the Local Authority of the City of Edinburgh have to-day revoked their recent relaxing regulation, and have made a new regulation prohibiting, as formerly, the movement of animals into Edinburgh from Cumberland and Westmoreland, as well as from the other districts in England and Wales.

"I am accordingly directed by the Executive Committee, in these circumstances, to suggest that your prohibition of the movement of stock from Edinburgh into your district should now be rescinded.

"Yours faithfully,

"DAVID LYON.
"*Depute Town-Clerk.*"

Amended regulations made by County of Midlothian.

The Clerk also submitted a copy of Amended Regulations made by the Local Authority for Midlothian, providing for the admission of stock from the City of Edinburgh into Midlothian, on condition that the animals in question were accompanied by a declaration that they had not been exposed for sale in any market or saleyard in the City of Edinburgh between 15th August and 2nd September.

Conference of Local Authorities at Edinburgh.—Invitation from County Clerk of Midlothian to appoint representatives.

The Clerk submitted and read to the meeting a letter from the County Clerk of Midlothian, of date 3rd current, inviting this Local Authority to appoint representatives to attend a conference to be held in Edinburgh on 11th current, for the purpose of agreeing upon the future procedure to be adopted in connection with Regulations as to Foot-and-Mouth Disease.

Appointment of representatives.

The meeting, after discussion, agreed to delay, meantime, amending the present regulations pending the result of the conference to be held in Edinburgh, and appointed the following representatives to attend on behalf of this Local Authority, viz., J. P. Baird, Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, D. K. Michie, and William Templeton, along with the Clerk and Veterinary Inspector.

Report of Mallein test on Russian pony at Foxley Pit, Tollcross.

The Clerk submitted a report by the Veterinary Inspector stating that he had received information from a Veterinary Surgeon in Glasgow that within the last seven days he had twice subjected to the Mallein test a Russian pony at Messrs. Dunn & Stephen's Foxley Pit, Tollcross, and that in both instances the result had been doubtful. In these circumstances notice had been served restricting the movement of the animal in question with a view to the Veterinary Inspector applying the Mallein test after the lapse of a reasonable time.

Case of cob gelding at Caldermill, Nackerty, previously reported. — Mallein test to be applied again.

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting, the Veterinary Inspector reported the result of a further examination he had made of the cob gelding at Caldermill, Nackerty, and having expressed his opinion of the case, the meeting agreed that the Mallein test should be applied a second time, and that the animal should not be slaughtered, unless the test resulted in definite evidence of disease.

18th September, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 18th September, 1912, being a meeting of the Executive Committee of the County Council of Lanark as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Present—

William Barr.	William Love.
W. W. Chapman.	James C. Pollok.
Thomas G. Cowan.	John D. Scott.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Sym.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.	William Templeton.

Attending—

Hugh Begg, County Veterinary Inspector.

Chairman.

Mr. William Templeton, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Foot and Mouth Disease.—Report of conference at Edinburgh.

The Clerk reported that, with the exception of Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., the members appointed at last meeting, in connection with the Regulations under the Foot and Mouth Disease Order, had attended the Conference in Edinburgh on 11th instant, and that prior to the Conference the members of the sub-committee met and discussed the line of action to be taken at the Conference.

With regard to the question of amending the Regulations consequent upon the revocation by the Local Authority of the City of Edinburgh of their relaxing Regulation, the sub-committee recommended that, in view of the period which had now elapsed since the date when the movement of stock from England to Edinburgh had been prohibited, the Regulations of this Local Authority should be amended to the extent of allowing, without restriction, movement of stock from the City into the County.

The meeting approved of the recommendation of the sub-committee, but agreed to delay publication of the proposed amended Regulation, until the result of the Conference after referred to is ascertained.

Communication from County Clerk of Mid-Lothian.

The Clerk submitted a communication from Mr. Asher, Clerk of the conference, stating the result of the conference, which was as follows, viz. :—

"County Rooms,
"Edinburgh, 11th September, 1912.

"Dear Sir,

"FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

"A meeting of representatives of the Local Authorities under the Diseases of Animals Acts of the Counties of Haddington, Lanark, Linlithgow, Midlothian, and Peebles, and of the Cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, was held here to-day, when it was resolved to form a joint-committee consisting of one representative from each of the County Local Authorities in Scotland, south of the Tay, and of the Local Authorities of the Cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, for the purpose of formulating a policy which might be adopted generally in connection with Foot and Mouth Disease.

"The joint Committee is to meet here on Wednesday next, the 18th instant, at 2.30 p.m., and as the subject to be discussed at the meeting is of the greatest importance, it is hoped that all the Local Authorities invited, will make a point of sending a representative.

"It was decided that Clerks to Local Authorities may, if desired, attend along with their representative.

"I have also been instructed to ask the Board of Agriculture to send a representative to the meeting.

"I am,

"Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) "A. G. G. ASHER,

"*County Clerk.*"

Appointment of representatives to Joint-Committee.

The meeting, having indicated their views in regard to future action in the matter of Regulations, appointed the Chairman to represent this Local Authority at the meeting of the Joint-Committee, and also agreed that the Clerk should accompany him.

Importation of cattle from Ireland.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter which he had received from the Town-Clerk, Glasgow, and which was as follows:—

"City Chambers,

"Glasgow, 6th September, 1912.

"The COUNTY CLERK,

"Hamilton.

"DEAR SIR,

"DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS

'I am in receipt of, and beg to thank you for your letter of yesterday.

"The Executive Committee, at their meeting yesterday, delayed meantime agreeing to the proposal of the Board of Agriculture to authorise the landing at Merklands Wharf, for slaughter within forty-eight hours, of Irish cattle from Dublin, Dundalk, and Drogheda, and desired me to obtain the opinion of the adjoining Local Authorities as to the probable effect in their respective areas should my Local Authority accede to the proposal of the Board.

"I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will be good enough to submit the matter to an early meeting of your Local Authority and thereafter communicate their opinion to me for the information of my Committee.

"I am,

"Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) "J. LINDSAY."

The meeting, after discussion, instructed the Clerk to reply that the committee, not being in possession of information as to the extent to which the disease was prevalent in Ireland, did not feel themselves in a position to offer any opinion on the question of the expediency of taking the action proposed, but that, so far as they were able to judge, they saw no objection to the importation of cattle from the ports named, provided that the movement took place under proper safeguards.

Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order, 1907.—Notifications.

The Clerk stated that, since the date of last meeting, there had been notified to him in terms of the Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order of 1907, nine cases, none of which had been certified to be cases of anthrax.

Glanders.

With reference to the suspected cases of glanders referred to in the minutes of last meeting of the committee, the Clerk stated:—

(1) that the Veterinary Inspector had, on 8th September, applied the mallein test to the pony alleged to have been infected at Foxley Colliery Tollcross; that a positive reaction had resulted, and that the owners, offering no objection, the animal had been slaughtered; that on a post mortem examination being made, lesions of glanders were found, and that the owners were accordingly entitled to compensation at the rate of one-half of the agreed-upon value of the animal, viz., £6 10s.;

(2) that the Veterinary Inspector had, on 14th September, applied the mallein test to the pony at Crown Hotel Stables, Wishaw, alleged to be affected; that a positive re-action had resulted. and that the owners offering no objection the

animal was slaughtered; that, on a post-mortem examination, lesions of glanders were found, and that the owners in this case also were entitled to compensation to the extent of one-half of the agreed upon value, viz., £10;

(3) that the Veterinary Inspector had, on 14th September, applied for the second time the mallein test to the cob gelding at Calder Mill, Nackerty, suspected of being affected with glanders, but that no definite evidence of disease resulted, and that accordingly the restrictions on the movement of the animal in question had been withdrawn.

The meeting authorised the Clerk to make payment of the amount of compensation in each of the two cases above referred to in which compensation was due.

Swine fever.

The Clerk stated that, since the date of last meeting, the following premises had been defined as Swine Fever Infected Places, viz.:—

(1) Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow (James Cram, Governor);
(2) Black Bull Hotel, Stonehouse (Robert Burns);
(3) Kirkfield House, Kirkfieldbank (Mrs. Margaret Mary Stein).

The Clerk reported the withdrawal of the restrictions in cases Nos. 1 and 3, and also in cases of—

(1) Braehead Rows, Bargeddie (James Brown),
(2) Carntyne, Shettleston (John Brown),
(3) Lochburn, Lambhill (James Graham);

reported to a previous meeting.

Contravention.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting police information against Mr. James Watson, Glentewing Farm, Crawfordjohn, for an alleged contravention of the Swine Fever Orders.

The Clerk having explained the circumstances of the case, the meeting did not think the circumstances called for proceedings being taken, but instructed him to communicate with the accused, warning him against committing any future offence against the Orders.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 25th September, 1912, being a meeting of the Executive Committee of the County of Lanark as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

25th September, 1912.

Present—

J. P. Baird.
William Barr.
James Cameron.
Samuel Forrest.
Alexander Hamilton.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
John M. Loudon.
William Love.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
David K. Michie.
John D. Scott.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
James Young.

Attending—

Hugh Begg, County Veterinary Inspector.

Chairman.

Mr. Templeton, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 18th September, 1912, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Foot-and-Mouth Disease. — Abortive conference of Local Authorities at Edinburgh.

The chairman reported that he had, as appointed by the committee, attended the meeting of Local Authorities in Edinburgh on 18th current to consider the question of Regulations under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order, but that owing to the divergent views expressed, the meeting terminated without any understanding being come to.

Regulations of various Local Authorities.

The Clerk reported that, since the date of meeting, the Local Authorities of the City of Edinburgh and the County of Midlothian had revoked their Regulations, thereby admitting into their respective districts without restriction stock from England and Wales; that the County of Berwick had modified their Regulations to the extent of admitting stock from England and Wales on certain conditions; and that following upon the action of these Authorities the Local Authorities of the Counties of Perth and Forfar had amended their Regulations to the extent of prohibiting stock being moved into their respective districts from the district of any Local Authority in Scotland whose Regulations permitted of the movement of stock from England or Wales, or from any other district in Scotland admitting such stock.

The Clerk stated that, in the altered circumstances, he had delayed publishing the Regulations as agreed to be amended at last meeting, and the meeting approved.

Amendment of present Regulations.

The Clerk further reported the action which he had ascertained from enquiries other Local Authorities in Scotland were likely to adopt, and the meeting, after full consideration, resolved not only to continue their Regulations prohibiting movement from England and Wales, but to amend them so as to prohibit movement of stock from districts in Scotland admitting stock from England and Wales, or from the district of any other Local Authority in Scotland whose Regulations allowed of the movement of stock from such districts. A copy of the Regulations forms an appendix to this minute.

Proposed further conference at Edinburgh.

The meeting, being of opinion that the present situation in Scotland was most unsatisfactory owing to the conflicting Regulations made by Local Authorities, agreed that, notwithstanding the abortive nature of the recent meeting of Local Authorities in Edinburgh, a further effort should be made with a view to united action being taken, and with this object the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the County Local Authorities in Scotland, and with the cities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Perth, inviting them to appoint representatives to attend a further conference to be held in Edinburgh on such a date as he might consider most suitable.

Representatives appointed to attend.

The meeting agreed that the members of the sub-committee appointed on 4th current, with the addition of Provost Forrest, should attend the proposed conference as representing this Local Authority.

25th September, 1912.

APPENDIX.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

REGULATIONS MADE BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY UNDER THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1894 TO 1911.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Executive Committee of the County Council of the County of Lanark, as the Local Authority for said County under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1911, have, in virtue of the powers conferred upon them under the said Acts and the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order of 1895, made the following Regulations, viz. :—

(1) From and after the date hereof no Cattle (including Calves), Sheep, Goats, or Swine, shall be moved into the District of the Local Authority of the County of Lanark from the District of any Local Authority in England or Wales, or from the Districts of the Local Authority of the City of Edinburgh and the County of Midlothian, or from the District of any Local Authority into whose Area Cattle from England or Wales or from Edinburgh or Midlothian are admitted.

(2) From and after the date hereof, no Cattle (including Calves), Sheep, Goats, or Swine, which, within the 28 days last past, have been moved into the District of any Local Authority in Scotland from the District of any Local Authority in England or Wales, or from the Districts of the City of Edinburgh and the County of Midlothian, or from the District of any Local Authority into whose Area Cattle from England or Wales, or from Edinburgh or Midlothian are admitted, nor any animals which have been in contact with such animals as aforesaid, shall be moved into the District of the Local Authority of the County of Lanark.

The Regulations made by the Local Authority on 28th August last are hereby revoked.

Dated at Hamilton, this Twenty-fifth Day of September, 1912.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

N.B.—If any animal is moved in contravention of the above Regulations, the owner of the animal and the person for the time being in charge thereof, and the person causing, directing, or permitting the movement, and the person moving or conveying the animal, and the consignee or other person receiving or keeping it, knowing it to have been moved in contravention as aforesaid, and the occupier of the place from which the animal is moved, shall each, according to and in respect of his own acts and defaults, be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

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MINUTES

OF THE

COUNTY ROAD BOARD

OF THE

COUNTY OF LANARK.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 4th September, 1912, being a Meeting of the County Road Board of the County of Lanark. 4th September 1912.

Present—

J. Raeside Auld.
W. W. Chapman.
James Cameron.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
Robert Lambie.
William Love.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
William Neilson.
Robert Sharp.

Chairman. In the absence of Colonel King Stewart, chairman of the Board, Mr. Neilson was appointed chairman of the meeting.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting, which was in the following terms, viz. :—

COUNTY OF LANARK.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 29th August, 1912.

Sir,

I am to request your attendance at a Meeting of the County Road Board, to be held within the County Buildings, Glasgow, *on Wednesday next, 4th proximo, at Twelve o'clock noon*, to consider the propriety of recommending the County Council to declare (first) that the Roads and Streets named in List No. I. annexed hereto shall be Highways within the meaning and for the purposes of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, and as such shall be added to the List of Roads, Highways, and Bridges made up under Section 41 thereof; (second) that the Roads or parts of roads named in List No. II. annexed hereto shall, in terms of Section 42 of the said Act, cease to be Highways within the meaning and for the purposes of the said Act; and (third) that the Roads or parts of roads named in List No. III. shall, in terms of Section 43 of the said Act, be shut up.

There will be laid before the meeting Estimates of the cost of Highways in each of the Districts of the County during the current year, and Reports by the District Committees made up in terms of Section 26 of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878.

There will be submitted to the Board recommendations by the District Committees as follows:—

UPPER WARD.

The widening of (*a*) Lanark and Hamilton Highway at Linnbank, £150; (*b*) Lanark and Hamilton Highway at Threepwood, £400; (*c*) Corsethill Highway at Jeanfield Brae, £100, making the total estimated cost £650.

MIDDLE WARD.

(1) The widening and improvement of (*a*) Threshold Brae, Maxwellton Road, East Kilbride. £34; (*b*) Bridge Street, Strathaven, £68, making the total estimated cost £102.

(2) The improvement of the Mount Vernon Avenue Highway, near Burntbroom Farm, in the Parish of Old Monkland, at an estimated cost of £70.

(3) The improvement of Muirburn Highway, adjoining Glasford Manse, in the Parish of Glasford, at an estimated cost of £85.

(4) The improvement of Edinburgh Highway (Main Street) and Thorn Highway, Bellshill, in the Parish of Bothwell, at an estimated cost of £134 10s.

(5) The widening and improvement of (*a*) Lanark and Hamilton Highway, £50; (*b*) Broomfield Highway at South Netherburn Bridge, £50; (*c*) Glasgow and Carlisle Highway at Larkhall, £30, making the total estimated cost £130.

The Board may take up any other competent business.

Your obedient Servant

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk

LIST No. I.

MIDDLE WARD.

PARISH OF CAMBUSLANG—

Mansion Street, from Bank Street to Church Street, measuring 91 yards or thereby.

PARISH OF DALZIEL—

Malcolm Street, from Motherwell Highway to Crawford Street, measuring 100 yards or thereby.

Crawford Street, from Malcolm Street to Motherwell Burgh boundary, measuring 155 yards or thereby.

The new or deviated portion of Airbles Highway, from a point 49 yards east from the road leading to Airbles Farm to Motherwell Burgh boundary, measuring 1 furlong 76 yards or thereby.

LIST No. II.

UPPER WARD.

PARISHES OF CARNWATH AND PETTINAIN—

Lampits Road, in the Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain (No. 97 and No. 356 on the List of Highways), from Lampits Farm roadend, in the Parish of Carnwath, to the boundary of the Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain, in the centre of the River Clyde at Lampits Ferry, a distance of 1,220 yards or thereby.

PARISH OF PETTINAIN—

Pettinain and Lanark Road, in the Parish of Pettinain (No. 346 on the List of Highways), from the boundary of the Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain, in the centre of the River Clyde at Lampits Ferry, to Tie Road No. II. (No. 352 on the List of Highways), a distance of 420 yards or thereby.

MIDDLE WARD.

PARISH OF DALZIEL—

That portion of Airbles Highway (for which it is proposed to substitute the new or deviated portion above mentioned) from a point 49 yards east from the road leading to Airbles Farm to Motherwell Burgh Boundary, measuring 1 furlong 88 yards or thereby.

LIST No. III.

UPPER WARD.

PARISHES OF CARNWATH AND PETTINAIN—

Lampits Road, in the Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain (No. 97 and No. 356 on the list of highways), from Lampits Farm roadend, in the Parish of Carnwath, to the boundary of the Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain, in the centre of the River Clyde, at Lampits Ferry, a distance of 1,220 yards or thereby.

PARISH OF PETTINAIN—

Pettinain and Lanark Road, in the Parish of Pettinain (No. 346 on the list of highways), from the boundary of the Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain, in the centre of the River Clyde, at Lampits Ferry, to Tie Road No. II. (No. 352 on the list of highways), a distance of 420 yards or thereby.

MIDDLE WARD.

PARISH OF DALZIEL—

That portion of Airbles Highway (for which it is proposed to substitute the new or deviated portion above mentioned) from a point 49 yards east from the road leading to Airbles Farm to Motherwell Burgh Boundary, measuring 1 furlong 88 yards or thereby.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, of date 1st May, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed.

Reports by District Committees.

Reports by the District Committees on the conditions of the highways, made in terms of Section 26 of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, were laid upon the table.

Roads to be taken over.

There having been submitted recommendations by the District Committee of the Middle Ward of the County on the subject of highways, as specified in the notice, and the meeting, having considered the same, agreed that, on certificates being obtained in each case from the Road Surveyor that the roads were in a satisfactory condition to be taken over, the County Council should be recommended that the following roads should be declared to be highways within the meaning and for the purposes of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, and, as such, should be added to the List of roads, highways, and bridges made up under Section 41 thereof :—

MIDDLE WARD.

PARISH OF CAMBUSLANG—

Mansion Street, from Bank Street to Church Street, measuring 91 yards or thereby.

PARISH OF DALZIEL—

Malcolm Street, from Motherwell Highway to Crawford Street, measuring 100 yards or thereby.

Crawford Street, from Malcolm Street to Motherwell Burgh boundary, measuring 155 yards or thereby.

The new or deviated portion of Airbles Highway, from a point 49 yards east from the road leading to Airbles Farm to Motherwell Burgh boundary, measuring 1 furlong 76 yards or thereby.

Roads to be taken off list of highways.

The meeting further agreed on the proposal of the District Committees of the Upper and Middle Wards to recommend that the following roads or parts of roads shall cease to be highways within the meaning and for the purposes of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, viz. :—

UPPER WARD.

Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain—

Lampits Road, in the Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain (No. 97 and No. 356 on the List of Highways), from Lampits Farm road-end, in the Parish of Carnwath, to the boundary of the Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain, in the centre of the River Clyde at Lampits Ferry, a distance of 1,220 yards or thereby.

Parish of Pettinain—

Pettinain and Lanark Road, in the Parish of Pettinain (No. 346 on the List of Highways), from the boundary of the Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain, in the centre of the River Clyde at Lampits Ferry, to Tie Road No. II. (No. 352 on the List of Highways), a distance of 420 yards or thereby.

MIDDLE WARD.

Parish of Dalziel—

That portion of Airbles Highway (for which it is proposed to substitute the new or deviated portion above mentioned) from a point 49 yards east from the road leading to Airbles Farm to Motherwell Burgh boundary, measuring 1 furlong 88 yards or thereby.

Roads to be shut up.

The meeting also resolved to recommend the County Council to declare, in terms of Section 43 of the said Act, that the portions of Lampits Road, and Pettinain and Lanark Road above described, and the portion of Airbles Highway last above described shall be shut up.

Road improvements.

On the recommendation of the District Committees of Upper and Middle Wards, the Board approved of the following road improvements, viz. :—

Upper Ward.

The widening of (*a*) Lanark and Hamilton Highway at Linnbank, £150; (*b*) Lanark and Hamilton Highway at Threepwood, £400; (*c*) Corsethill Highway at Jeanfield Brae, £100, making the total estimated cost £650.

Middle Ward.

(1) The widening and improvement of (*a*) Threshold Brae, Maxwellton Road, East Kilbride, £34; (*b*) Bridge Street, Strathaven, £68, making the total estimated cost £102.

(2) The improvement of the Mount Vernon Avenue Highway, near Burntbroom Farm, in the Parish of Old Monkland, at an estimated cost of £70.

(3) The improvement of Muirburn Highway, adjoining Glasford Manse, in the Parish of Glasford, at an estimated cost of £85.

(4) The improvement of Edinburgh Highway (Main Street) and Thorn Highway, Bellshill, in the Parish of Bothwell, at an estimated cost of £134 10s.

(5) The widening and improvement of (*a*) Lanark and Hamilton Highway, £50; (*b*) Broomfield Highway at South Netherburn Bridge, £50; (*c*) Glasgow and Carlisle Highway at Larkhall, £30, making the total estimated cost £130.

Applications to Imperial Road Board for grants.

With reference to applications to the Imperial Road Board for grants, the Clerk stated that he had made a claim in respect of the following road improvements in the Upper Ward, viz. :—

(1) Lanark and Hamilton Highway at Linnbank, ...	£150
(2) Lanark and Hamilton Highway at Threepwood, ...	400
(3) Corsethill Highway at Jeanfield Brae, ...	150
	£650

and that it was proposed on behalf of the Lower Ward to make application in respect of—

(*a*) Tar-macadam for recoating roads, ...	£989	
(*b*) Spraying the surface of roads with specially-distilled gas coal tar, ...	1,171	
		£2,160

The Clerk stated that he had received no communication from the Middle Ward District Committee in regard to any application this year, but that he understood that the District Clerk was communicating direct with the Imperial Road Board in the matter.

Estimates of cost of highways.

There having been submitted estimates of the cost of the highways in each of the several districts of the County for the current year, prints of which had been sent to each member of the Board, the same were considered and approved of, and the meeting agreed to recommend their adoption to the Finance Committee and the County Council as the basis of the necessary rating.

Request by United States Ambassador for copies of annual reports by County Road Surveyors.

There having been submitted a request by the Ambassador for the United States of America to be furnished with copies of the Annual Reports of the Road Surveyors, the meeting instructed the Clerk to communicate with the District Committees with a view to the request being acceded to if at all possible.

Complaint as to method adopted in relaying of roads with new metal.

Mr. Auld having made reference to the practice of some Road Surveyors when relaying the surface of roads with new metal to lay the metal over the whole width of the road at one time, and to the inconvenience and risk occasioned thereby to the users of the roads, the meeting agreed that the attention of the District Committees be directed to the matter.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

JOINT-COMMITTEE *RE* CAMBUSLANG ELECTRICITY AND REFUSE DESTRUCTOR WORKS.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 25th September, 1912, being a Meeting of the Joint-Committee of the County Council of Lanark and of the District Committee of the Middle Ward in connection with the Electricity and Refuse Destructor Works at Cambuslang. — 25th September, 1912.

Present—

Owen Coyle.	William Love.
Colonel Buchanan.	William Neilson.
Robert Lambie.	James Tonner.

Attending—

W. L. Douglass, District Engineer.
J. M. M. Munro, Consulting Engineer.
D. M. Eunson, Resident Engineer.

Mr. Love, chairman of the joint-committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the joint-committee, of date 30th March, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk submitted the Works Record (Appendix) from 16th March to 31st August, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the joint-committee. — *Works Record.*

The Clerk reported that the additions to the plant and extensions of feeder cables which were agreed to in June of last year, and the carrying out of which was entrusted to Mr. J. M. M. Munro, were completed in the beginning of July last, and he submitted a statement showing the cost of these additions and extensions to be £4,672 2s. 9d. — *Completion of additions to plant and extensions of feeder cables.*

As relative to these extensions, there was submitted a letter from Mr. Munro stating that the final restoration of the pavement surface was now, after the usual interval allowed for consolidation, being completed; that the committee would now have spare plant to meet any probable contingency; and that the new arrangements would give increased facility and economy of operation. — *Letter from Mr. J. M. M. Munro.*

The Clerk at the same time explained that certain matters had emerged during operations which could not be foreseen, and required to be provided for, the most serious of these being a fault in the ground forming the site of the new boiler-house, which necessitated increasing the depth of the foundations and other alterations, involving an additional expenditure of £110. — *Additional alterations.*

25th September, 1912.

Extensions for street lighting.

With regard to the extensions for street lighting in the Stewarton Drive and Lightburn Districts, the Clerk reported that the extensions in the Lightburn District, the cost of which was estimated at £122, had been carried out by the Resident Engineer, but that owing to his absence through illness in the beginning of June the extension in the Stewarton Drive District, which was estimated to cost about £800, had been entrusted to Mr. J. M. M. Munro; that the cables for that extension had been obtained from Messrs. Callender's at the same rates as applied in the case of the larger extension; and that the work had been completed at the end of last month after the usual test had been applied.

Further street-lighting extensions.

There were submitted to the meeting letters from the Resident Engineer, of dates 5th August and 9th September, stating that the local sub-committee had agreed to light with electricity—

(1) The streets in Tanzieknowe, Somerville Road, and Westcoats Road; that the cost of cable and laying thereof was estimated at £180, and that the annual revenue would be approximately £18.

(2) Stewarton Drive (West), ... 6 additional lamps.
Back road from Stewarton Drive (West) to Brownside Road, ... 4 lamps.
Brownside Road, ... 2 „
Whitefield Avenue, ... 1 lamp.
Wellside Place, Halfway, ... 1 „

that the cost of cable and laying thereof was estimated at £105, and the annual revenue at £24 10s.

The Clerk stated that these recommendations of the local sub-committee had not yet been approved by the District Committee, but that the District Clerk had informed him that they would be submitted to the next meeting of the District Committee, who it might be assumed would approve of them

Offers for supply of cable.

The meeting having agreed to the proposed extensions, the Clerk submitted offers which had been received for the supply of 1,500 yards of cable, and the meeting, having considered the same, accepted the offer of Messrs. Callender's Cable and Construction Company, Limited, amounting to £137 4s. 3d., subject to the same conditions as applied in the case of the former extensions carried out by that Company.

Proposed supply of electrical energy to Gateside Colliery.—Letter from Resident Engineer.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from the Resident Engineer reporting the negotiations which he had had with Mr. Mitchell of the Flemington Coal Company, Limited, regarding a supply of electrical energy to Gateside Colliery, and stating that the Clyde Valley Company had indicated that they would have no objections to an arrangement being come to between the committee and the Company for such a supply, provided that the committee would agree to take a little more bulk supply from them.

Further particulars desired by committee.

After discussion, the meeting continued the matter for further consideration, and meantime instructed the Resident Engineer to submit to a future meeting of the committee more definite information as to the financial aspect of the question.

Disposal of steam piping.

The meeting instructed the Resident Engineer to advertise for sale nine lengths of steam piping which had been scrapped consequent upon recent alterations at the works.

Alterations in engine-room.

The meeting approved of the following alterations in the engine-room recommended by the Factory Inspector, the total cost of which was estimated at £15, viz. :—

(1) All enclosed fuses to take the place of open ones on the old switchboard.

(2) On the motor starting panel of Clyde Valley Supply (Motor Generator) uncovered nuts of tri-pole switch to be covered. In front of this panel an insulating mat to be put down to protect between panel and earth.

(3) On new generator a guard to be fixed around balance; slip rings bolted to bedplate.

Lighting of generation station.

The Resident Engineer reported that the present arrangements for the lighting of the Generating Station were unsatisfactory, and recommended that, in addition to the lighting being fed from the main switchboard, there should be a change-over switch to the storage battery, so that in the event of breakdown to the dynamos to main feeder cables a supply of light would be assured, the cost of the alteration being estimated at £6. The meeting approved.

Coal contract.

Offers for the supply of coal for the twelve months beginning 1st October having been submitted, the meeting agreed to accept the offer of Messrs. A. & G. Anderson to supply Dechmont washed singles or equal at 11s. 11d. per ton, or Dechmont washed pearls at 10s. 11d. per ton.

Fire in store-room.

The Clerk reported that fire had broken out in the store-room on 23rd June last, and that there had resulted damage estimated at £60, which was partially covered by insurance.

Question of insurance.

As relative to the question of insurance, the Clerk submitted a statement of the insurable subjects at the works, and stated that these were presently insured for a sum of £2,080. The meeting, having discussed the question of increasing the amount insured, remitted to the Chairman and the Clerk to consider the matter, and to report to a future meeting.

Damage to fences.

The Clerk reported that since the date of last meeting the fences had been maliciously damaged on three different occasions without the offenders being detected. He also reported that damage had been caused to the front gate by one of the dust carts, and that the fences and gate had since been repaired.

Boilers.—Reports by insurance company.

There were laid before the committee reports by the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited, as to boilers Nos. 1 and 2, which were generally satisfactory, but in the latter case the report stated that the grooving had slightly increased, and should be kept under careful observation. The Resident Engineer stated that he was giving this matter attention.

Chimney shaft.

There having been submitted an offer by Messrs. F. W. Lonsdale & Co. to examine chimney shaft and test lighting conductor for a sum of £2, the meeting delayed consideration of the matter, and instructed that further offers should be obtained.

Dismissal of lamp attendant and appointment of successor.

The Clerk having submitted a letter from the Resident Engineer intimating the dismissal of James Dougall, lamp attendant, and of the appointment of a successor, the meeting, after discussion, and on a division, allowed the matter to drop.

Application for increase of wages.

There were submitted to the meeting an application by the Resident Engineer for an increase of salary, and also applications by the shift engineers and fireman for increase of wages.

Matter continued.

As relative thereto, there was submitted a statement of salaries and wages paid at works of similar capacities, but the meeting continued the matter for further consideration, and the meeting instructed the Clerk to endeavour to obtain further information which would assist the committee in the consideration of the matter.

APPENDIX.

CAMBUSLANG ELECTRIC LIGHTING, &c.

WORKS RECORD.

Week ending 1912.	Units generated, Refuse.	Units generated, Coal.	Units sold, Street Lighting.	Units used in Station.	Water used in Gallons.	Coal used.			Refuse destroyed.			Units bought, Clyde Valley Co.	Total Units generated.	Total Units generated corresponding week last year.
						Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.			
Mar.*16,	2,752	309	1,340	191	39,180	2	9	0	130	2	0	...	3,061	3,164
,, 23,	2,855	...	1,266	139	34,850		...		134	5	2	...	2,885	3,169
,, 30,	2.824	...	1,247	122	44,870		...		146	16	2	...	2,824	2,940
April 6,	2,737	...	1,138	107	46,700	0	14	0	178	2	0	...	2,737	2,713
,, *13,	2,188	234	1,085	119	36,090	2	5	0	158	5	0	...	2,422	2,477
,, 20,	2,305	...	1,013	86	39,440		...		141	11	0	...	2,305	2,302
,, 27,	2,188	...	942	76	41,070		..		130	2	0	...	2,188	2,236
May 4,	2,166	...	889	81	36,720	0	10	2	123	11	0	...	2,116	2,078
,, *11,	1,748	209	841	74	30,220	2	2	0	118	13	2	...	1,957	1,941
,, 18,	1,638	...	660	63	26,140		...		128	6	0	166	1,762	1,876
,, 25,	1,152	...	...	81	28,610		...		155	16	2	...	1,152	1,390
June 1,	1,166	...	...	55	35,940	0	14	0	127	11	2	...	1,166	1,159
,, *†8,	...	787	...	53	25,410	7	17	2	24	14	3	441	1,129	966
,, 15,	1,017	...	...	51	20,670	0	7	0	114	2	2	...	1,017	718
,, 22,	969	...	...	34	19,630		...		107	9	1	...	969	559
,, 29,	979	...	...	56	22,200		...		112	15	3	...	979	1,258
July *6,	933	...	...	35	23,260	0	10	2	103	13	0	...	933	1,030
,, 13,	904	48	...	72	20,800	1	4	2	110	9	0	...	952	768
,, 20,	760	...	...	31	16.880		...		78	9	2	...	760	853
,, 27,	849	...	...	36	18,780		...		89	16	0	...	849	753
Aug. *3,	1,058	...	...	49	28,920	0	7	0	104	13	0	...	1,058	957
,, 10,	1,263	83	138	40	37,350	1	15	0	107	9	0	...	1,346	1,177
,, 17,	2,097	...	948	63	47.800		...		106	8	0	10	2,102	1,943
,, 24,	2,213	...	1,057	54	52,200		...		105	14	0	15	2,228	2,325
,, *31,	2,404	...	1,123	111	55,290	0	10	2	101	11	0	...	2,404	2,428

* Denotes flue cleaning. † Denotes annual overhaul.

D. M. EUNSON,
Resident Engineer.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE ON TELEPHONE RATES, &c.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 22nd May, 1912, being a Meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee of the County Council and of the District Committees of the County on the question of Telephone Rates and Wayleaves. 22nd May, 1912.

Present—

As representing Finance Sub-Committee of County Council—

GEORGE FRASER | WILLIAM SPEIRS.
WILLIAM NEILSON. | JOHN D. SCOTT.
Colonel KING STEWART.

As representing the District Committee of the Upper Ward—

LATTO A. MORRISON. | JAMES C. HOPE VERE.

As representing the District Committee of the Middle Ward—

ALEXANDER HAMILTON. | JAMES C. POLLOK.
ROBERT LAMBIE. | DAVID THOMSON.
JAMES TONNER.

As representing the District Committee of the Lower Ward—

JOHN ADAM. | J. RAESIDE AULD.
A. H. J. BRIGGS.

Attending—

Captain DESPARD, Chief Constable of the County.
A. W. PATERSON, Clerk to the District Committee of the Upper Ward.
J. G. KENNEDY, as representing the Clerk to the District Committee of the Lower Ward.

Colonel King Stewart in the chair. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The object of the meeting having been explained by the Clerk, he submitted the letter from the General Post Office, which was in the following terms :— *Letter from General Post Office.*

" General Post Office,
" London, 24th January, 1912.

" SIR,

" As you are no doubt aware, the Postmaster-General acquired as from 1st January, 1912, with a few exceptions, the whole of the plant of the National Telephone Company which was in use on 31st December, 1911. The acquired plant is now being worked and maintained as part of the telegraph and telephone system of the State, and must be deemed to have been constructed by the Postmaster-General under the powers conferred upon him by the Telegraphs Acts, 1863 to 1911, and not by virtue of any Agreement made between your Council and the Telephone Company.

" The verification of the acquired plant will be carried out as speedily as possible, and the Postmaster-General will forward for the consideration of your Council a form of consent covering any telegraphs erected on the private property of the Council.

The Postmaster-General understands that it was often a feature of the arrangements made between public bodies and the National Telephone Company that these public bodies should enjoy telephone facilities at less than the rate charged to the public.

"This arrangement, he is advised, came to an end with the license under which the National Telephone Company carried on its operations, and the Postmaster-General is unable, having regard to the statutory conditions under which he conducts the telegraphic business of the country to continue these preferential rates. If, therefore, it is desired to retain such services, the full ordinary tariff, which would have applied hitherto if no reduction had been given, must be paid in respect of each service after the expiration of the period for which any payment may already have been made. If it is desired to discontinue any service or to transfer it from the rate for unlimited service to the measured rate, it will be necessary to give notice to the local District Manager of the Telephone Service.

"I am to add that the rentals for all telephone services will be reviewed after the telephone rates have been revised in accordance with the Postmaster-General's statement of 27th February last (copy enclosed). This revision cannot be undertaken until the purchase price of the National Telephone Company's plant has been determined, and a considerable time must necessarily elapse before it can be completed.

"I am, &c.,

"A. F. KING."

Further communication from General Post Office.

He also reported further correspondence which had passed between the County Authorities and the Secretary of the General Post Office on the subject of telephone rates, the latest communication from the Secretary being as follows:—

"General Post Office,
"London, 17th April, 1912.

"SIR,

"TELEPHONE SERVICES PROVIDED AT LESS THAN TARIFF RATES BY THE NATIONAL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

"With reference to the Chief Constable's letter of the 10th instant (copy enclosed) to the District Manager of the Telephone Service at Hamilton, I am directed by the Postmaster-General to call your attention to circular letter issued to Road Authorities, &c., on the 24th January, and to express his regret that he is unable to continue any services at preferential rates unless the services are paid for at the full public tariff rates in future. Your Council will no doubt recognise that it is impossible for the Postmaster-General to accord them any preferential treatment which would be contrary to the statutory conditions under which he conducts the service.

"As explained in the circular letter, any question of wayleave will be considered separately as soon as the verification of the acquired plant has been effected. But no claim for wayleave will affect the charges for telephone service, for no payment can be made in preferential rates. If any payment is due for wayleave on private property of the Council, it will be made in money only.

"I am to ask, therefore, that the Council will be so good as to pay the accounts for the telephone services on an early date if it is desired that the services be continued.

"I am, &c.,

"L. T. HORNE."

Representation to be made to Parliament.

The meeting, after discussion, unanimously agreed that steps should be taken with a view to a representation being made to Parliament on the subject, and to invite the support of other local authorities in the matter.

Police telephone charges to be paid under protest.

The County Clerk was meantime authorised to make payment, under protest, of the charges in respect of the telephones used for police purposes.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At AIRDRIE, and within the Writing Chambers of Mr. J. Dunn Russell, solicitor, Airdrie, the 28th day of June, 1912, at a meeting of the Explosives Committee of the County Council of Lanarkshire, appointed for the Airdrie District of the Middle Ward of said County. 28th June, 1912.

Present—

W. W. CHAPMAN, Esq. | THOMAS WATT, Esq.

Explosives Committee.
(Airdrie District.)

Attending—

Mr. J. DUNN RUSSELL, as Clerk to the committee.
Mr. DAVID PENNIE, Superintendent of Police, as Inspector of Explosives for said District.

Mr. W. W. Chapman presiding. *Chairman.*

The Clerk read the circular calling the meeting. *Circular calling meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting applications for store licenses which had been lodged with him by the following parties, viz. :— *Applications for store licenses.*

(1) The Ardenrigg Coal Company, Ltd., coalmasters, 45 Hope Street, Glasgow, to keep mixed explosives in premises at Stepp-Ends, near Plains, under Division A.

(2) The Ardenrigg Coal Company, Ltd., coalmasters, 45 Hope Street, Glasgow, to keep mixed explosives in premises at Ardenrigg Colliery under Division A.

(3) James Jamieson, quarrymaster, Airdriehill Quarry, to keep gunpowder at Airdriehill, Whiterigg, under Division A.

(4) The Springbank Quarry Company, *per* Wm. Cassels, manager, to keep mixed explosives at Springbank Quarry, under Division B.

The meeting having considered said applications, together with the Inspector's report engrossed thereon respectively, agreed to grant the same, and authorised Mr. Russell, as Clerk to the Local Authority, to sign and issue the necessary certificates, the same to expire on 30th March, 1913.

(Sgd.) W. W. CHAPMAN.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At AIRDRIE, and within the Office of Mr. J. Dunn Russell, J.P. Clerk-Depute, Airdrie, the 19th day of July, 1912, at a meeting of the Explosives Committee of the County Council of Lanarkshire, appointed for the Airdrie District of the Middle Ward of said County. 19th July, 1912.

Present—

JOHN LOUDON, Esq. | ROBERT SHARP, Esq.

Explosives Committee.
(Airdrie District.)

Attending—

Mr. J. DUNN RUSSELL, as Clerk to the committee.

Mr. DAVID PENNIE, Superintendent of Police, as Inspector of Explosives for said District.

Mr. Robert Sharp presiding. *Chairman.*

The Clerk read the circular calling the meeting. *Circular calling meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting applications for store licenses which had been lodged with him by the following parties, viz. :— *Applications for store licenses.*

(1) The Darngavil Coal Company, Ltd., and James Macaulay, Secretary, coalmasters, 124 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, to keep mixed explosives in premises at No. 4 Pit Greyrigg, Darngavil Colliery, Airdrie, under Division B.

(2) The Luckenhill Collieries, Ltd., coalmasters, Greengairs, Airdrie, to keep mixed explosives in premises at Langdales, under Division A.

The meeting having considered said applications, together with the Inspector's report engrossed thereon respectively, agreed to grant the same, and authorised Mr. Russell, as Clerk to the Local Authority, to sign and issue the necessary certificates, the same to expire on 30th March, 1913.

(Sgd.) ROBERT SHARP.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At AIRDRIE, and within the Office of Mr. J. Dunn Russell, J.P. Clerk-Depute, there, the 30th day of September, 1912, at a meeting of the Explosives Committee of the County Council of Lanarkshire, appointed for the Airdrie District of the Middle Ward of said County. 30th September, 1912.

Present—

W. W. CHAPMAN, Esq. | JOHN LOUDON, Esq.
ROBERT SHARP, Esq.

Explosives Committee.
(Airdrie District.)

Attending—

Mr. J. DUNN RUSSELL, as Clerk to the Committee.
Mr. DAVID PENNIE, Superintendent of Police, as Inspector of Explosives for said District.

Mr. Robert Sharp presiding. *Chairman.*

The Clerk read the circular calling the meeting. *Circular calling meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting applications for store licenses which had been lodged with him by the following parties, viz. :— *Applications for store licenses*

(1) John Baird & Sons, Quarry Masters, Rosemount, Glenboig, to keep mixed explosives in premises at Greenfoot Quarry, under Division C.

(2) James Nimmo & Co., Ltd., per John Murray, Manager, Coalmasters, 21 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, to keep mixed explosives in premises at No. 5 Pit, Lochend, under Division A.

The meeting having considered said applications, together with the Inspector's reports engrossed thereon respectively, agreed to grant the same, and authorised Mr. Russell, as Clerk to the Local Authority, to sign and issue the necessary certificates, the same to expire on 30th March, 1913.

(Sgd.) ROBERT SHARP

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Council Chambers, there, upon Friday, 26th July, 1912 years, at 2.20 p.m., being a Meeting of the Committee on Explosives of the County Council of Lanark appointed for the Hamilton District of the Middle Ward of said County. 26th July, 1912.

Explosives Committee.

Present –

CHARLES A. EASSON, Esq. | GEO. STALKER, Esq.
JOHN JACKSON, Esq. | JAMES STEEL, Sr., Esq.
JAMES TONNER, Esq.

Chairman.

In the absence of Mr. Arnot, chairman of the committee (from whom an apology for absence was intimated), Mr. Tonner was appointed chairman of the meeting.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk read the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 29th March, 1912, were submitted, approved, and signed by the chairman.

Clerk's report.

The Clerk read his report which was in the following terms :—

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE PEACE,
HAMILTON, *26th July*, 1912.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to report that, as instructed at last meeting of the committee, I wrote to Mrs. Scott, widow of the late chairman of the committee, in the terms directed, and I now beg to submit a letter received from her in reply.

Since the meeting of the committee held on 26th January last, the following applications for new licenses for stores for mixed explosives (which had been examined and favourably reported on by the Inspectors), have been granted and licenses issued to the applicants on the instructions of the chairman, viz. :—

Thomas King & Co., quarrymasters, Cleland, for Auchinlea Quarry, by Cleland (Parish of Shotts), Division C.

Shankland & Co., quarrymasters, per James R. Shankland, sole partner, Braehead, Thorntonhall, for Braehead (Parish of East Kilbride), Division B.

Darngavil Coal Company, Limited, colliery owners, per J. Macaulay, Secretary, 124 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, for Cornsilloch Colliery, Larkhall (Parish of Dalserf), Division D.

Andrew Morton, colliery manager, 68 L. West Academy Street, Wishaw, for Heathery Colliery, Wishaw (Parish of Cambusnethan), Division A.

John Miller, colliery proprietor, Clintonhead House, Newarthill, for Legbrannock Colliery (Parish of Bothwell), Division A.

Moss Colliery Company, coal owners, and John Bavis, Woodhall Road, Cambusnethan, for Woodhall Road, Cambusnethan (Parish of Cambusnethan), Division A.

Since the same meeting, there have been issued 2 renewals of registrations and the following 12 new registrations, viz. :—

Shankland & Co., quarrymasters, per James R. Shankland, sole partner, Braehead, Thorntonhall, for Braehead (mixed explosives).

A. G. Moore & Co., coalmasters, 142 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, for Blantyreferme Colliery, Uddingston (mixed explosives).

John Thomson, quarry contractor, Norwood, Strathaven, for Curnduff Quarry, Avondale (mixed explosives).

John Watson, Ltd., coalmasters, Earnock, Hamilton, and Cecil Kelsey, storeman, 6 Argyle Buildings, Earnock, for Earnock Colliery, Hamilton (mixed explosives).

John Watson, Ltd., coalmasters, Earnock, Hamilton, and Cecil Kelsey, storeman, 6 Argyle Buildings, Earnock, for Earnock Colliery, Hamilton (mixed explosives).

John Russell, ironmonger, Quarry Street, Hamilton, for 27 Main Street, Cambuslang.

Baton Collieries Limited, coalmasters, 53 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, and Walter Sommerville, residing at The Firs, Dykehead, Shotts, for Hillhouserigg Colliery, Batonrigg Colliery, Baton Colliery, and Fortrigg Colliery respectively all in the Parish of Shotts (4 registrations).

George Hutchison, Burnside House, Shotts, manager for the Shotts Iron Company, Limited, for Calderhead Pit (mixed explosives).

George Hutchison, Burnside House, Shotts, manager for the Shotts Iron Company, Limited, for Rimmon Pit (mixed explosives).

A number of applications for licenses for new stores are in course of being made for submission to the committee. I understand this is in consequence of the provisions of the Coal Mines Act, 1911, which came into operation on 1st instant.

In their reports submitted to this meeting to-day, the Inspectors deal with the Act as affecting their respective districts.

On 8th May last, Yonas Kazlanckas, otherwise John Miller, Carfin, and John Yameitis, Carfin, were convicted in the Sheriff Court, Hamilton, of a contravention of the Explosives Act by keeping quantities of explosives in their dwelling-houses at Carfin and each was fined 10s. or three days imprisonment. On the same date, Patrick M'Kelvie, New Stevenston, was convicted of a similar offence and fined 5s. or three days imprisonment.

Your obedient Servant,

D. W. HIDDLESTON,
Depute Clerk.

To the Explosives Committee
for the Hamilton District of the Middle Ward
of the County of Lanark.

Letter from Mrs. Scott.

There was read to the meeting a letter dated 23rd April last, which the Clerk had received from Mrs. Scott, Garrion Tower, Wishaw, and in which she conveyed to the members of the committee her thanks and those of Mr. Scott's family for their kind sympathy with her and them in their bereavement, and for the accompanying words of appreciation.

Application for store license.

There was submitted to the meeting an application by Peter Thornton, coalmaster, Crofthead Colliery, Fauldhouse, for a license for a new store at Starryshaw Colliery, Parish of Shotts, under Division A.

The Inspector's report on the store being satisfactory, it was agreed to grant the application, and the Clerk was instructed to issue a license.

Inspector Anderson's report.

The following report by Superintendent Anderson, Hamilton, Inspector under the Act, was read to the meeting :—

26th July, 1912.

LANARKSHIRE CONSTABULARY.
HAMILTON, *25th July*, 1912.

GENTLEMEN,

I have to report for your information that since the quarterly meeting on 26th January last, I have inspected a large number of stores and premises registered for the keeping of explosives in this division, and with the exception of two of the stores which require some repairs, I found them in good condition and the regulations being adhered to generally.

Section 61 of the Coal Mines Act, 1911, which came into operation on the 1st July current, provides in Sub-Section I. that the Secretary of State may, by order of which notice shall be given in such manner as he may direct, regulate the supply, use, and storage of any explosives at mines or any class of mines.

In Sub-Section II. it is stated further that, no explosives shall be taken into or used in any mine except explosives provided by the owner.

In respect to Sub-Section I.. I have not yet received information of any change made in the regulations presently set forth in Orders in Council under the Explosives Act, 1875.

Under the conditions in Sub-Section II. it appears essential that arrangements should be made for the keeping of explosives at mines, and the following are the only collieries in this division where no provision has been made, viz, :—Struther Colliery, Birkenshaw, Dalserf; Torrance Mine, East Kilbride; Riggmuir and Dykehead Mines, Hamilton.

Recently however, the owners of Struther Colliery informed me that they wished to erect a store, but on visiting the colliery I found that their ground did not extend to the distance required, and therefore, they are erecting a small store to be registered under Mode "A."

The other three mines referred to are wrought on a very small scale, and the owners inform me that explosives have not yet been required.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
ALEX. ANDERSON,
Inspector.

TO THE EXPLOSIVES COMMITTEE,
Hamilton District of the Middle Ward
of the County of Lanark.

Inspector Moir's report.

There was also read to the meeting the following report by Superintendent Moir, Motherwell, Inspector under the Act :—

LANARKSHIRE CONSTABULARY,
MOTHERWELL, *25th July*, 1912.

GENTLEMEN,

I have to report for your information that since the meeting in January last, I have inspected a number of stores and premises registered for the keeping of explosives in this division, I found them in good order, and so far as I could observe the regulations were being carried out.

The Coal Mines Act, 1911, which came into operation on 1st July current, by Section 61 provides in Sub-Section I. that the Secretary of State may regulate the supply, use, and storage of any explosives at mines, and prohibit the use of any explosive which appears to him likely to become dangerous in mines, either absolutely or subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by Order.

In respect to Sub-Section I., I have not received information of any change in the regulations.

Sub-Section II. further states that no explosives shall be taken into or used in any mine except explosives provided by the owner.

Under the conditions in Sub-Section II., a great many of the colliery owners are making arrangements for the keeping of explosives close to the pit head so that they can be given out to the miners when starting work, either by erecting small stores or registered premises.

Within the last two months stores have been licensed under Division A. to the undernamed persons :—

Andrew Morton, Heathery Colliery, Wishaw.
John Miller, Clintonhead Colliery, Newarthill.
John Bavis, Woodhall Colliery, Cambusnethan.

For registered premises the following persons have applied and received certificates :—

Walter Sommerville, The Firs, Dykehead, premises at Hillhouserigg, Batonrigg, and Fortrigg Collieries.

George Hutchison, Burnside House, Shotts, premises at Calderhead and Rimmon Collieries.

A great number of other managers in this division have been making enquiries as to the best method of carrying out the Act.

ALEXANDER MOIR,
Inspector.

The Clerk explained that he had written to the Chief Inspector of Explosives requesting to be notified when regulations under Section 61 (1) of the Coal Mines Act, 1911, are issued.

Inspectors' salaries.

Mr. Tonner referred to the additional work which the provisions of the section mentioned would be likely to entail on the Inspectors, and with a view to considering whether their salaries should be increased. he moved that each of the Inspectors be instructed to submit to next quarterly meeting of the committee a statement showing the number of stores and premises registered under the Act in their respective districts prior to the commencement of the Act, and the number of store licenses granted and premises registered subsequent thereto, together with any other information likely to assist the committee in arriving at a decision as to whether the Inspectors' remuneration should or should not be increased. The motion was approved by the committee, and the Inspectors were instructed accordingly.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COUNTY OFFICES,

HAMILTON, *1st November*, 1912.

SIR,

I am to intimate that a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the County Council of this County will be held in the SHERIFF'S ORDINARY COURT, County Buildings, Glasgow (entrance by 40 WILSON STREET), *upon Wednesday, 13th November, at Two o'clock p.m.*, for the purpose of considering a report by the Parliamentary Bills Committee relative to the promotion of a Provisional Order or Private Bill to authorise the construction of additional works in connection with the Middle Ward Water Undertaking, including a reservoir to be situate on the stream called Camps Water, in the Parish of Crawford; to confer powers upon the County Council to borrow money for the purpose of the Undertaking, and to levy assessments; to acquire land by compulsion or agreement; to extend the limits of the Middle Ward Water District; to authorise the abandonment of the Glengavel Reservoir, authorised by the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Act, 1896; to amend or repeal certain provisions of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Acts and other Statutes; to confer further powers upon the County Council and the District Committee, or either of them; and for other purposes.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD WITHIN THE

SHERIFF'S ORDINARY COURT,

COUNTY BUILDINGS, GLASGOW,

On WEDNESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER, 1912,

AT TWO O'CLOCK P.M.

AGENDA.

1. Chair to be taken.

2. Sederunt to be taken.

3. Notice of Meeting to be read.

4. LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER—

   Minutes of Parliamentary Bills Committee, of dates 23rd October and 6th November.

   If so agreed, approve of recommendation contained in Minutes of Parliamentary Bills Committee.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COUNTY OFFICES,
HAMILTON, *2nd December, 1912.*

SIR,

I am directed to intimate that the DECEMBER STATUTORY MEETING of the County Council will be held in the SHERIFF'S ORDINARY COURT, COUNTY BUILDINGS, GLASGOW (entrance by 40 Wilson Street), *on Wednesday, 11th current, at Two o'Clock Afternoon.*

It will fall to the Meeting to appoint a Convener of the County, a Vice-Convener, a County Road Board, the County's quota of a Joint-Bridges Committee, the Council's quota of the Lanark District Lunacy Board, and four Members to represent the County on the Committees for visiting Glasgow Prisons (Duke Street and Barlinnie Prisons).

It will also fall to the Meeting to receive and dispose of Reports and Minutes of Committees, copies of which will be sent to the Members of the Council before the date of Meeting.

There will be submitted to the Meeting requisitions by the District Committees of the Upper, Middle, and Lower Wards of the County to adopt Sections 144, 145, 158, and 191 to 200 (as amended by the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1903), inclusive, of the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, within all Special Lighting, Scavenging, Drainage, and Water Districts in which such sections have not already been adopted, and the Meeting may, by resolution, give effect to these recommendations.

I subjoin notice of motion which has been given to me.

Prints of the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Council, held on 10th October, 1912, and of the Special Meeting of the Council, held on 13th November, 1912, are sent herewith.

The Meeting may take up any other competent business.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

Notice of motion by Mr. Alexander Hamilton, countersigned by Mr. William Neilson :—

"That the County Council amend the Bye-laws made by them under "the Burgh Police (Scotland) Amendment Act, to the effect that "places of refreshment in the Middle Ward of the County be "closed all day on Sunday."

COUNTY OF LANARK.

STATUTORY MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD IN THE

SHERIFF'S ORDINARY COURT,

COUNTY BUILDINGS, GLASGOW,

(ENTRANCE BY 40 WILSON STREET),

On WEDNESDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1912,

AT TWO O'CLOCK AFTERNOON.

AGENDA.

1. Chair to be taken.
2. Sederunt to be taken.
3. Statutory Authority for and Notice of Meeting to be read.
4. Intimate appointments of Representatives by Burghs.
5. Minutes of Statutory Meeting of the Council, held on 10th October, 1912.
6. Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council, held on 13th November, 1912.
7. Resignation of Mr. John Wheatley.
8. Appoint Convener for year to December, 1913.
9. Appoint Vice-Convener for year to December, 1913.
10. Appoint County Road Board.
11. Appoint Quota of Joint-Bridges Committee.
12. Appoint Council's Quota of Lanark District Lunacy Board.

13. Appoint Council's Quota of Glasgow Court House Commissioners.

14. Appoint Quota of Committee for visiting Glasgow Prisons (Barlinnie and Duke Street).

15. County Councils' Association—County's Quota.

16. Report of Consent by the Standing Joint-Committee.

17. Report of the County Road Board.

18. Report by County Analyst under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts for quarter ended 30th September, 1912.

19. Report by District Analyst under Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1906, for quarter ended 30th September, 1912.

20. Abstract of Valuation of the County for 1912-1913.

21. Minutes of the following Committees :—

(1) Joint-Committee on National Insurance Act, of date 9th October, 1912.

(2) Executive Committee, of dates 16th and 28th October, and 13th and 20th November, 1912.

(3) General Purposes Committee, of date 23rd October, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Shops Act, of dates 23rd October and 13th November, 1912.

(4) Sub-Committee of Fire Brigades Committee on Proposed Re-arrangement of Brigades, of date 23rd October, 1912.

(5) Weights and Measures Committee, of dates 23rd October and 27th November, 1912.

(6) Parliamentary Bills Committee, of dates 23rd October, 6th and 27th November, and 4th December, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Lanarkshire Tramways, of dates 15th and 23rd October, and 20th November, 1912.

(7) Committee on Inebriates Acts, of date 23rd October, 1912.

(8) Committee on Electric Lighting Orders, of date 30th October, 1912.

(9) Finance Committee, of dates 6th November and 4th December, 1912.

(10) Joint-Meeting of Finance and Parliamentary Bills Committees regarding Reconstitution of Committees, of date 13th November, 1912.

(11) County Road Board, of date 20th November, 1912.

Committee regarding Action by Lanarkshire Tramways Company, of date 27th November, 1912.

(12) Public Health Committee, of date 27th November, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Milk Standards, of date 6th November, 1912.

(13) Joint-Committee on Cambuslang Electric Lighting, &c., of date 27th November, 1912.

(14) Business Committee, of dates 30th October and 4th December, 1912.

(15) Explosives Committee (Hamilton District), of date 25th October. 1912.

(16) Explosives Committee (Airdrie District), of date 8th November, 1912.

Resolutions to borrow the following monies, viz. :—

(*a*) £50 for the erection of public latrines and urinals in Douglas Special Scavenging District.

(*b*) £160 for the provision and erection of lamp pillars and the laying of pipes within the Baillieston Special Lighting District.

(*c*) £211 for the conversion of gas lamps into electric lamps within the Cambuslang Special Lighting District.

(*d*) £300 for the provision of lamps, &c., in connection with an extension of electric lighting system within the Cambuslang Special Lighting District.

(*e*) £900 for the erection of a water tank at Hirst Hill, in the parish of Shotts, and the laying of pipe from Newhouse at Hirst under the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Acts.

(*f*) (1) £150 for the laying of sewer in Pettigrew Street, Shettleston, and (2) £1,608 10s. 11d., being the District Committee's quota of the excess Capital Expenditure in connection with the Sewage Purification Works at Westthorn, both within the Barony Special Drainage District.

(*g*) £247 for the erection of additional lamps and lamp-posts within the Shettleston and Tollcross Special Lighting District.

(*h*) £70 for the laying of a sewer in Lindsaybeg Road within the Chryston and Muirhead Special Drainage District.

(*i*) £200 for the purpose of completing the provision of fire hydrants in the District of the Middle Ward.

22. Notice of motion by Mr. Alexander Hamilton regarding amendment of Bye-laws for Regulating the Hours of Opening and Closing of Places for Public Refreshment, &c.

23. Communication from Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward, of date 22nd October, 1912, transmitting copy of proposed new By-laws regulating the building or rebuilding of houses or buildings.

24. Communication from Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward, of date 29th October, 1912, transmitting resolution by the District Committee to form a Special Drainage District in the Parishes of Shotts and Cambusnethan, to include Shotts, Dykehead, and Stane.

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MINUTES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

10th October, 1912.

At HAMILTON, and within the County Hall, there, upon Thursday, 10th October, 1912, at Twelve o'clock noon, being the October Statutory Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark, convened and met as required by Statute, and intimated and called in terms of the Notice hereinafter inserted.

Present—

John Adam.
James Anderson.
Thomas Arnot.
J. Raeside Auld.
J. P. Baird.
William Barr.
John Baxter.
James Cameron.
W. W. Chapman.
Walter C. B. Christie.
Thomas G. Cowan.
William Davie.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
Alexander Hamilton.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
John Jackson.
Robert Lambie.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
Colonel Logan.
John Loudon.
William Love.
David K. Michie.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
Andrew Murdoch.
William Neilson.
Alexander Pillans.
James Prentice.
John D. Scott.
Robert Sharp.
William Speirs.
James Steele.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
John Todd.
James C. Hope Vere.
Thomas Watt.
John Wheatley.
Walter Lindsay.
John M. Loudon.
George Stalker.
William L. Dyer.
Charles A. Easson.
William M. Marshall.
Robert G. Carson.
James Duncan.
Lawrence Maxton.
Andrew Mickel.
Hugh M'Lean.
David Watson.
Joseph Halley.
James Walker.
David Kirk.
James Davidson.
George Neilson.

James T. Macdonald.

Colonel King Stewart, Convener of the County, presiding. *Chairman.*

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting in terms of Section 73 (2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, which was in the following terms, viz.:—

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COUNTY OFFICES,
HAMILTON, *1st October, 1912*.

SIR,

I am directed to intimate that the STATUTORY OCTOBER MEETING of the County Council will be held in the COUNTY HALL, HAMILTON, *on Thursday, 10th current, at Twelve o'clock noon*, for the purpose of receiving a Report of Consent to Capital Works and Borrowing by the Standing Joint-Committee, and of receiving and disposing of Minutes of the County Road Board and the Finance Committee and other Committees, of which copies will be sent to Members of the Council before the date of Meeting; of fixing the rate in the pound of the rateable property which is necessary to meet the deficiency in the County Fund in respect of each branch of expenditure subject to the control of the Council, or for which it is responsible in whole or in part; and of imposing the same on the lands and heritages in the County, or within the divisions or districts thereof as the case may be, and as the law directs—all for the year ending 15th May, 1913.

There will also be submitted to the Meeting Reports by the County Road Board and the Finance Committee, prints of which will be sent to the Members of the Council before the date of Meeting.

It will fall to the Meeting to appoint a representative to the Clyde Navigation Trust.

A Print of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 7th June last is sent herewith.

The Meeting may take up any other competent business.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 7th June last, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Clyde Navigation Trust.—Appointment of representative.

The meeting appointed Mr. John Jackson to be one of the Council's representatives on the Clyde Navigation Trust.

Report of consent of Standing Joint-Committee.

There was submitted a report of consent of the Standing Joint-Committee of the County, given in pursuance of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, in relation to capital works and to the borrowing of the sums necessary to meet the expense thereof (forming Appendix I. to this minute), which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council.

Report of County Road Board.

The Clerk laid before the meeting a report of the County Road Board forming Appendix II. to this minute), which had also been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council.

Roads added to List of Highways.

The Clerk submitted evidence of the advertisement and certificates of the posting of notices, as required by the Act, together with certificates by the Road

Surveyor that the following roads recommended to be assumed as highways were in a condition to be taken over, viz.:—

In the District of the Middle Ward.

Parish of Cambuslang—

Mansion Street, from Bank Street to Church Street, measuring 91 yards or thereby.

Parish of Dalziel—

Malcolm Street, from Motherwell Highway to Crawford Street, measuring 100 yards or thereby.

Crawford Street, from Malcolm Street to Motherwell Burgh boundary, measuring 155 yards or thereby.

The new or deviated portion of Airbles Highway, from a point 49 yards east from the road leading to Airbles Farm to Motherwell Burgh boundary, measuring 1 furlong 76 yards or thereby.

The report of the County Road Board, so far as relating to the roads above mentioned, was unanimously adopted, and the meeting resolved that the said roads be added to the List of Highways made up in terms of section 41 of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878.

Roads to cease to be Highways.

The meeting also resolved, and hereby resolve, that the following roads or parts of roads shall cease to be Highways within the meaning and for the purposes of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, viz.:—

In the District of the Upper Ward.

Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain—

Lampits Road, in the Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain (No. 97 and No. 356 on the List of Highways), from Lampits Farm roadend, in the Parish of Carnwath, to the boundary of the Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain, in the centre of the River Clyde at Lampits Ferry, a distance of 1,220 yards or thereby.

Parish of Pettinain—

Pettinain and Lanark Road, in the Parish of Pettinain (No. 346 on the List of Highways), from the boundary of the Parishes of Carnwath and Pettinain, in the centre of the River Clyde at Lampits Ferry, to Tie Road No. II. (No. 352 on the List of Highways), a distance of 420 yards or thereby.

In the District of the Middle Ward.

Parish of Dalziel—

That portion of Airbles Highway (for which it is proposed to substitute the new or deviated portion above mentioned) from a point 49 yards east from the road leading to Airbles Farm to Motherwell Burgh Boundary, measuring 1 furlong 88 yards or thereby.

Roads to be shut up.

The meeting further resolved, and hereby resolve to declare that the portions of Lampits Road, and Pettinain and Lanark Road above described, and also the portion of Airbles Highway last above described, shall be shut up.

Report of Finance Committee and Estimates.

There was laid before the meeting a report of the Finance Committee, together with the estimates therein referred to (forming Appendix III. to this minute), which report and estimates had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council.

Assessments.

The meeting, in accordance with the Report of the Finance Committee, assessed, and do hereby assess, in virtue of the Local Government (Scotland) Acts, 1889 to

1908, the Lanarkshire County Council Order Confirmation Act, 1907, and of the several other Acts hereinafter referred to and for the purposes thereof, the following rates and assessments upon the lands and heritages in the County, and in the several districts and divisions and parishes thereof, and in the respective Special Water Supply Districts, Special Drainage Districts, Special Lighting Districts, and Special Scavenging Districts, all hereinafter mentioned, and upon all lands and heritages within the limits of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Acts, 1892 to 1908, and also upon all lands and heritages liable to be assessed to the Sewage Purification Assessment under and in virtue of the Glasgow Corporation (Sewage, &c.) Act, 1898, the Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order Confirmation Act, 1901, the Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order Confirmation Act, 1903, the Glasgow Corporation Act, 1909, the Lanarkshire Electricity and Refuse Destruction Order Confirmation Act, 1903, the Cambuslang Electric Lighting Order, 1903, as confirmed by the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1903, the Cambuslang Electric Lighting (Extension) Order, 1910, as confirmed by the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1910, and the Bellshill Electric Lighting Order, 1906, the Blantyre Electric Lighting Order, 1906, the Bothwell Electric Lighting Order, 1906, the Shettleston and Tollcross Electric Lighting Order, 1906, the Uddingston Electric Lighting Order 1906, all as confirmed by the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1906, according to the yearly value of such lands and heritages as the same is established by the Valuation Roll for the year from 15th May, 1912, to 15th May, 1913, made up under the Valuation of Lands (Scotland) Act, 17 and 18 Vict., cap. 91, and amending Acts, but subject always in the case of assessments leviable on occupiers of "agricultural lands and heritages" to the provisions of the Agricultural Rates, &c., (Scotland) Act, 1896, 59 and 60 Vict., cap. 37; the Agricultural Rates, 1896, &c., Continuance Act, 1901, 1 Edw. VII., cap. 13; the Agricultural Rates, 1896, &c., Continuance Act, 1905, 5 Edw. VII., and the Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1911; that is to say—

Police Assessment.

I.—Under and for the purposes of the Act 20 and 21 Vict., cap. 72, intituled "An Act to render more effectual the POLICE in Counties and Burghs in Scotland," and other relative Acts, and that in the several districts into which the County has been from time to time divided in terms thereof, as follows:—

Hamilton District.

(1) In the HAMILTON POLICE DISTRICT of the Middle Ward, at the rate of threepence and thirty four one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound.

Motherwell District.

(2) In the MOTHERWELL POLICE DISTRICT of the Middle Ward, at the rate of twopence and one hundred and eleven one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound.

Lanark District

(3) In the LANARK POLICE DISTRICT, including the Burgh of Lanark, at the rate of twopence in the pound.

Airdrie District.

(4) In the AIRDRIE POLICE DISTRICT, at the rate of threepence and seventy-five one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound.

Lower Ward District.

(5) In the LOWER WARD POLICE DISTRICT, at the rate of threepence and ninety one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound.

County General Assessment.

II.—Under and for the purposes of the County General Assessment (Scotland) Act, 1868, the Prisons (Scotland) Act, 1877, and the Sheriff Court Houses (Scotland) Acts, 1860 to 1884, and any other relative Acts, and that in the several districts into which the County has been divided for the purposes of these Acts, as follows, viz.:—

(1) In that district of the County which formed part of the Northern Prison District under the Prisons (Scotland) Administration Acts (Lanarkshire) Amendment Act, 1868, at the rate of eighty-one one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound.

(2) In that district of the County which formed part of the Southern Prison District under the Act last-mentioned, at the rate of eighty-nine one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound.

III.—Under and for the purposes of the COUNTY VOTERS REGISTRATION (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1861, at the rate of twenty-one one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound on all lands and heritages in the County. *Voters Registration Act.*

IV.—Under and for the purposes of the DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, at the rate of ten one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound on all lands and heritages in the County, including the Police Burghs and the Burghs of Lanark and Coatbridge—one-half payable by the owners and the other half by the occupiers of such lands and heritages. *Diseases of Animals Acts.*

V.—Under and for the purposes of the Act 20 and 21 Vict., cap. 71 (LUNACY) and other relative Acts, and that in the districts after-mentioned, as follows:— *Lunacy Rate.*

(1) In the Lanark Lunacy District, that is in the whole County, with the exception of the Parish of Govan and that part of the Parish of Glasgow situated in the County, at the rate of one penny and eighty-nine one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound. *Lanark District*

(2) In the Govan Lunacy District, that is in the Parish of Govan, at the rate of twopence and nine one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound. *Govan District.*

(3) In the Glasgow Lunacy District, that is in that part of the Parish of Glasgow (formerly known as the Barony Parish) situated within the County of Lanark, at the rate of twopence and thirty-four one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound upon all lands and heritages within the said district—one-half thereof being payable by the owners and the other half by the occupiers of all such lands and heritages. *Glasgow District.*

And which several rates hereby imposed so far as the same were leviable by the Commissioners of Supply at the passing of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, in respect of any branch of expenditure, and payable by owners only without relief to the extent of one-half against the occupiers, shall be payable as follows, that is to say, the average rate as ascertained and determined in the manner in the said last-mentioned Act provided, and as the amount thereof in the case of the County and of the several districts and divisions thereof, and as regards the several rates, is recorded in the Sheriff Court Books of the County, of date the 15th day of August, 1890, and in the minutes of the Council, of date the 21st day of October, 1890, is and shall be paid by the owners of such lands and heritages only, and where the amount which is required, and which is hereby assessed, exceeds such average rate, the portion of the rate beyond and in excess of such average rate shall be payable by owners and occupiers equally.

VI.—A GENERAL PURPOSES RATE, under and by virtue of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, at the rate of fifty-two one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound on all lands and heritages in the County, one-half thereof being payable by the owners and the other half by the occupiers of such lands and heritages, and an additional assessment of six one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound, under and by virtue of the Children Act, 1908, and the Shops Act, 1912, upon all lands and heritages in the County, excluding Police Burghs, but including the Burgh of Lanark for the purposes of the Children Act, one-half thereof being payable by the owners and the other half by the occupiers of such lands and heritages. *General Purposes.*

VII.—Under and for the purposes of the Lanarkshire Electricity and Refuse Destruction Order Confirmation Act, 1903, and (1) the following Electric Lighting Orders as confirmed by the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, *Electric Lighting Orders.*

1906, viz., the Bellshill Electric Lighting Order, 1906, the Blantyre Electric Lighting Order, 1906, the Bothwell Electric Lighting Order, 1906, the Shettleston and Tollcross Electric Lighting Order, 1906, the Uddingston Electric Lighting Order, 1906; and (2) the Cambuslang Electric Lighting Orders, 1903 and 1910, as confirmed respectively by the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1903, and the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1910—

(1) Within the Special Lighting District of Bellshill as constituted at the commencement of the Bellshill Electric Lighting Order, 1906, at the rate of one penny and eighty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

Within the Special Lighting District of Blantyre as constituted at the commencement of the Blantyre Electric Lighting Order, 1906, at the rate of sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

Within the Special Lighting District of Bothwell, as constituted at the commencement of the Bothwell Electric Lighting Order, 1906, at the rate of one penny and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

Within the Special Lighting District of Shettleston and Tollcross, as constituted at the commencement of the Shettleston and Tollcross Electric Lighting Order, 1906, at the rate of ninety one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

Within the Special Lighting District of Uddingston, as constituted at the commencement of the Uddingston Electric Lighting Order, 1906, at the rate of a penny in the pound; and

(2) Within the Special Lighting District of Cambuslang, as constituted at the commencement of the Cambuslang Electric Lighting (Extension) Order, 1910, at the rate of two pence in the pound;

each of the above several rates being levied as part of the General Purposes Rate before referred to, and imposed one-half upon the owners, and the other half upon the tenants and occupants of all lands and heritages within the said respective special lighting districts rateably according to the annual value of the lands and heritages therein.

Roads and Bridges.

VIII.—Under and for the purposes of the ROADS AND BRIDGES (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1878, as follows:—

Maintenance.

1. For the maintenance and management of Highways in the several districts into which the County is divided by the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889 as follows:—

Upper Ward.

(*a*) In the District of the Upper Ward of the County, exclusive of the Police Burgh of Biggar, at the rate of one shilling and a penny in the pound, whereof sixpence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny was imposed upon and payable by the owners, and sixpence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny upon and payable by the occupants, of all lands and heritages within the district;

Middle Ward.

(*b*) In the District of the Middle Ward of the County, exclusive of the Police Burghs of Motherwell and Wishaw, at the rate of tenpence and thirty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound, whereof fivepence and fifteen one hundred and twentieths was imposed upon and payable by the owners, and fivepence and fifteen one hundred and twentieths thereof upon and payable by the occupants, of all lands and heritages within the district; and

Lower Ward.

(*c*) In the District of the Lower Ward of the County at the rate of sixpence and ninety one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound,

whereof threepence and forty-five one hundred and twentieths was imposed upon and payable by the owners, and threepence and forty-five one hundred and twentieths upon and payable by the occupants, of all lands and heritages within the district.

IX.—Under and for the purposes of THE PUBLIC HEALTH (SCOTLAND) ACTS, as follows:— *Public Health Acts.*

In the District of the Upper Ward of the County— *Upper Ward.*

1. For purposes of Public Health at the rate of threepence and thirty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound, one-half thereof being imposed upon the owners, and the other half upon the tenants and occupants, of all lands and heritages within the said district, according to the annual value thereof.

2. In the following Special Districts of the District of the Upper Ward of the County, and for the purposes thereof:— *Special Districts.*

(1) *Blackwood Special Water District,* at the rate of one shilling and sixpence in the pound;

(2) *Braidwood Special Water District,* at the rate of one shilling in the pound;

(3) *Carluke Special Water District,* at the rate of sevenpence in the pound;

(4) *Carluke Special Drainage District,* at the rate of one penny in the pound;

(5) *Carnwath Special Water District,* at the rate of ninepence in the pound;

(6) *Carnwath Special Drainage District,* at the rate of one shilling and fourpence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(7) *Crawford Special Water District,* at the rate of sevenpence in the pound;

(8) *Crosslaw Special Drainage District,* at the rate of threepence in the pound;

(9) *Douglas Special Water District,* at the rate of twopence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(10) *Douglas Special Drainage District,* at the rate of twopence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(11) *Forth Special Water District,* at the rate of two shillings and fourpence in the pound;

(12) *Kirkfieldbank Special Water District,* at the rate of one shilling and a penny in the pound;

(13) *Law Special Water District,* at the rate of twopence in the pound;

(14) *Law Special Drainage District,* at the rate of one penny and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(15) *Lesmahagow Special Water District,* at the rate of elevenpence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(16) *Lesmahagow Special Drainage District,* at the rate of one penny and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in pound;

(17) *Roberton Special Water District,* at the rate of two shillings and sixpence in the pound;

(18) *Symington Special Water District,* at the rate of one shilling and threepence in the pound;

(19) *Thankerton Special Water District*, at the rate of one shilling and twopence in the pound;

(20) *Thankerton Special Drainage District*, at the rate of threepence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

one-half of each of the above several rates being imposed upon the owners, and the other half upon the tenants and occupants, of all lands and heritages within the said respective special districts, rateably according to the annual value thereof.

Middle Ward (Public Health).

In the District of the Middle Ward of the County, as follows:—

1. For the purposes of Public Health, at the rate of sixpence and thirty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound, one-half thereof being imposed upon the owners, and the other half upon the tenants and occupants of all lands and heritages within the said district, according to the annual value thereof.

Middle Ward Water.

2. For the purposes of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Acts, 1892 to 1908 (55 and 56 Vict., cap. 169; 59 and 60 Vict., cap. 68; 62 and 63 Vict., cap. 70; 2 Edw. VII., cap. 250; and 8 Edw. VII., cap. 119)—

Public Water Rate.

(*a*) Upon all lands and heritages within the limits of supply as defined by these Acts, at the rate of threepence in the pound (being the Public Water Rate), one-half thereof being imposed upon the owners, and the other half upon the tenants and occupants, of all such lands and heritages.

Domestic Water Rate.

(*b*) Upon all lands and heritages within the limits of supply, as defined by these Acts, which shall have been supplied with water for domestic purposes, at the rate of one shilling and one penny in the pound (being the Domestic Water Rate), one-half thereof being imposed upon the owners, and the other half upon the tenants and occupants, of all such lands and heritages.

Special Drainage Districts.

3. In the following Special Drainage Districts of the Middle Ward District of the County, and for the purposes of these special districts, as follows:—

(1) *Aitkenhead and Tannochside Special Drainage District*, at the rate of twopence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(2) *Baillieston Special Drainage District*, at the rate of threepence in the pound;

(3) *Bellshill and Mossend Special Drainage District*, at the rate of sixpence in the pound;

(4) *Blantyre Special Drainage District*, at the rate of fourpence in the pound;

(5) *Bothwell Special Drainage District*, at the rate of twopence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(6) *Busby Special Drainage District*, at the rate of elevenpence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(7) *Cambuslang Special Drainage District*, at the rate of fourpence in the pound;

(8) *Carfin and Cleekhimin Special Drainage District*, at the rate of eightpence in the pound.

(9) *Chapelhall Special Drainage District*, at the rate of one shilling in the pound;

(10) *Cleland and Omoa Special Drainage District*, at the rate of one shilling and a penny and thirty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(11) *Dalzell and Netherton Special Drainage District*, at the rate of eightpence in the pound;

(12) *East Kilbride Special Drainage District*, at the rate of one shilling in the pound;

(13) *Hamilton Road Special Drainage District* at the rate of threepence in the pound.

(14) *Holytown Special Drainage District*, at the rate of fourpence in the pound;

(15) *Larkhall Special Drainage District*, at the rate of fivepence and thirty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound.

(16) *Mount Vernon Special Drainage District*, at the rate of threepence in the pound;

(17) *Newmains Special Drainage District*, at the rate of fivepence in the pound;

(18) *New Stevenston Special Drainage District*, at the rate of one penny and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(19) *Newton and Flemington Special Drainage District*, at the rate of sixpence in the pound;

(20) *Stonehouse Special Drainage District*, at the rate of fivepence in the pound;

(21) *Strathaven Special Drainage District*, at the rate of one shilling in the pound;

(22) *Uddingston Special Drainage District*, at the rate of threepence in the pound;

one-half of each of the above several rates being imposed upon the owners, and the other half upon the tenants and occupants, of all lands and heritages within the said respective special districts, rateably according to the annual value of the lands and heritages therein.

Lower Ward District.

In the District of the Lower Ward of the County—

1. For purposes of Public Health, at the rate of threepence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound, one-half thereof being imposed upon the owners, and the other half upon the tenants and occupants, of all lands and heritages within the said district, rateably according to the annual value of the lands and heritages therein.

Special Water and Drainage Districts.

2. In the following Special Districts of the District of the Lower Ward of the County, and for the purposes of these special districts, as follows:—

(1) *North Cadder Special Water District*, at the rate of one shilling and one penny in the pound;

(2) *South Cadder Special Water District*, at the rate of tenpence in the pound;

(3) *South Lenzie Special Water District*, at the rate of one shilling in the pound;

(4) *Barony Special Drainage District*, at the rate of twopence and ninety one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound; and an additional assessment of threepence in the pound for the purposes of sewage purification to be levied in that portion of the Barony Special Drainage District outwith the Glasgow Sewage Purification area;

(5) *Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn Special Drainage District*, at the rate of elevenpence in the pound;

(6) *Carmunnock Special Drainage District*, at the rate of tenpence in the pound;

(7) *Chryston and Muirhead Special Drainage District*, at the rate of one shilling in the pound;

(8) *Rutherglen Special Drainage District*, at the rate of threepence in the pound;

(9) *South Lenzie Special Drainage District*, at the rate of fivepence in the pound;

(10) *Stepps Special Drainage District*, at the rate of eightpence in the pound;

one-half of the rate in the case of each of these districts being imposed upon the owners, and the other half upon the tenants and occupants, rateably according to the annual value of the lands and heritages within the same respectively.

Sewage Purification Assessment.—Lower Ward.

3. A Sewage Purification Assessment, at the rate of fourpence in the pound upon all lands and heritages within the areas defined by the Glasgow Corporation (Sewage, &c.) Act, 1898, and the Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order Confirmation Act, 1901, as read along with the Glasgow Corporation (Police) Order Confirmation Act, 1903, and the Glasgow Corporation Act, 1909, so far as the same are now liable to be rated to the said assessment, which assessment shall be paid one-half by the owners and one-half by the occupiers of the lands and heritages upon which the same is imposed.

Special Lighting and Scavenging Districts.

X.—Under and for the purposes of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1894, as follows:—

Upper Ward.

In the following Special Districts in the District of the Upper Ward of the County, and for the purposes of such special districts:—

(1) *Carluke Special Lighting District*, at the rate of threepence in the pound;

(2) *Crosslaw Special Lighting District*, at the rate of fourpence in the pound;

(3) *Douglas Special Lighting District*, at the rate of threepence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(4) *Lesmahagow Special Lighting District*, at the rate of twopence in the pound;

(5) *Carluke Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of one penny and ninety one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(6) *Douglas Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of fivepence in the pound;

(7) *Leadhills Special Scavenging District* at the rate of ninepence in the pound;

(8) *Lesmahagow Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of fourpence in the pound.

Middle Ward.

In the following Special Districts in the District of the Middle Ward of the County, and for the purposes of such special districts:—

(1) *Aitkenhead and Tannochside Special Lighting District*, at the rate of fourpence in the pound.

(2) *Baillieston Special Lighting District*, at the rate of threepence in the pound;

(3) *Bellshill and Mossend Special Lighting District*, at the rate of twopence in the pound;

(4) *Blantyre Special Lighting District*, at the rate of threepence in the pound;

(5) *Bothwell Special Lighting District*, at the rate of threepence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(6) *Bothwell Park Special Lighting District*, at the rate of sixpence and thirty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(7) *Busby Special Lighting District*, at the rate of fourpence in the pound;

(8) *Calderbank Special Lighting District*, at the rate of one penny and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(9) *Cambuslang Special Lighting District*, at the rate of threepence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(10) *Carmyle Special Lighting District*, at the rate of twopence in the pound;

(11) *Cleland and Omoa Special Lighting District*, at the rate of fourpence in the pound;

(12) *Dalzell and Netherton Special Lighting District*, at the rate of twopence in the pound;

(13) *East Kilbride Special Lighting District*, at the rate of fourpence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(14) *Gartlea Special Lighting District*, at the rate of fourpence in the pound;

(15) *Glengowan and Caldercruix Special Lighting District*, at the rate of fourpence in the pound;

(16) *Holytown, New Stevenston, and Carfin Special Lighting District*, at the rate of threepence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(17) *Larkhall Special Lighting District*, at the rate of twopence and thirty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(18) *Newarthill Special Lighting District*, at the rate of fivepence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(19) *Newmains Special Lighting District*, at the rate of twopence and thirty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(20) *North Mount Vernon Special Lighting District*, at the rate of threepence in the pound;

(21) *Shotts and Dykehead Special Lighting District*, at the rate of fourpence in the pound;

(22) *Stonehouse Special Lighting District*, at the rate of twopence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(23) *Strathaven Special Lighting District*, at the rate of fourpence in the pound;

(24) *Uddingston Special Lighting District*, at the rate of twopence and thirty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(25) *Baillieston Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of sixpence in the pound;

(26) *Bellshill and Mossend Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of eightpence in the pound;

(27) *Blantyre Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of sixpence in the pound;

(28) *Bothwell Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of fourpence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(29) *Cambuslang Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of fourpence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(30) *Carmyle and Mount Vernon Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of twopence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(31) *Dalzell and Netherton Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of twopence in the pound;

(32) *Gartlea Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of fivepence in the pound;

(33) *Hamilton Road Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of twopence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(34) *Holytown, New Stevenston, and Carfin Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of fivepence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(35) *Salsburgh Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of sixpence in the pound;

(36) *Strathaven Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of one penny and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(37) *Uddingston Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of fivepence in the pound;

Lower Ward

In the following Special Districts in the District of the Lower Ward of the County, and for the purposes of such special districts:—

(1) *Bishopbriggs Special Lighting District*, at the rate of threepence in the pound;

(2) *Chryston and Muirhead Special Lighting District*, at the rate of fourpence in the pound;

(3) *Lambhill Special Lighting District*, at the rate of fivepence in the pound;

(4) *Linthouse Special Lighting District*, at the rate of ninety one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(5) *Millerston and Stepps Special Lighting District*, at the rate of fourpence and thirty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(6) *Rutherglen Special Lighting District*, at the rate of threepence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(7) *Shettleston and Tollcross Special Lighting District*, at the rate of twopence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(8) *South Lenzie Special Lighting District*, at the rate of fourpence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(9) *Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of fourpence and thirty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(10) *Chryston and Muirhead Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of threepence and thirty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(11) *Rutherglen Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of twopence in the pound;

(12) *Shettleston and Tollcross Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of sixpence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(13) *South Lenzie Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of threepence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

(14) *Stepps Special Scavenging District*, at the rate of twopence and sixty one hundred and twentieth parts of a penny in the pound;

which several rates and assessments were and are hereby imposed, one-half upon the owners, and the other half upon the tenants and occupants, of all lands and heritages within the said respective special districts, according to the annual value thereof in terms of Section 44 (6) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894 (57 and 58 Vict., cap. 58), as an addition to and in excess of the Public Health Rate.

Date for payment of Rates.

The meeting further resolved that the various rates above imposed shall be payable on or before the *31st December, 1912;* but it was remitted to the Finance Committee with power to postpone this date, and fix any other or others for all or any of the collection districts of the County, should they consider it expedient to do so.

Appeals against Rates.

It was agreed that appeals against the above rates should be lodged with the County Clerk before *25th December, 1912*, with power, however, to the Finance Committee to postpone this date and fix another, or others, as they may see fit.

Appeals against Rates.—Committees appointed.

The meeting appointed the following committees for the hearing of appeals against rates, viz.:—

For the District of the Upper Ward.

James H. Fenton.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
Andrew Murdoch.
Alexander Pillans.
James C. Hope Vere.

For the Hamilton District of the Middle Ward.

Thomas Arnot.
James Cameron.
Thomas G. Cowan.
Alexander Hamilton.
John Jackson.
William Love.
James C. Pollok.
Dr. Robertson.
William Sym.
William Templeton.

For the Airdrie District of the Middle Ward.

John Baxter.
Colonel Buchanan.
W. W. Chapman.
Thomas G. Cowan.
John Loudon.
Robert Sharp.
Thomas Watt.

For the District of the Lower Ward.

John Adam.
James Anderson.
J. Raeside Auld.
Walter C. B. Christie.
William Davie.
David K. Michie.
William Speirs.
John Wheatley.

Rates upon Railways, &c.

The meeting agreed that, as formerly, it should be an understanding and condition of the appointments of the Collectors of County Rates that all the rates assessed by the Council upon such railways, canals, and tramways, and gas and water works, as are valued by the Assessor of Railways, should be levied and collected by the County Clerk, and this the County Clerk was and is hereby instructed and authorised to do.

Appointment of Collectors of Consolidated Rates— Motion by Mr. William Neilson.

The meeting, having proceeded to consider the question of the appointment of Collectors of the Consolidated Rates, Mr. William Neilson moved that the County Rates be collected in terms of the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Finance Committee, which was seconded by Mr. Love.

Amendment by Mr. Pillans.

By way of amendment Mr. Pillans moved that the County Clerk should not be appointed a Collector of Rates, which was seconded by Mr. Auld.

Rights of representatives of Burghs of Govan and Partick. — Convener's ruling.

Mr. Davie having raised the question as to whether the representatives of the Burghs of Govan and Partick had the right to act and vote in connection with this matter, and the Clerk having stated his opinion, the Convener ruled that they were not entitled to vote.

Vote.

A vote having been taken by calling over the names of the members present, there voted for the motion the following:—

John Adam,
James Anderson,
J. P. Baird,
William Barr,
James Cameron,
Walter C. B. Christie,
William Davie,
George Fraser,
Alexander Hamilton,
James Hamilton Houldsworth,
Robert Lambie,
William Love,
David K. Michie,
Alexander R. Mitchell,
William Neilson,
James Prentice,
John D. Scott,
William Spiers,
Colonel King Stewart,
William Templeton,
John Todd,
James C. Hope Vere,
John Wheatley,
William L. Dyer,
William M. Marshall,
James T. Macdonald,

being 26 in all, and for the amendment the following:—

Thomas Arnot,
J. Raeside Auld,
John Baxter,
W. W. Chapman,
Thomas G. Cowan,
James H. Fenton,
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold,
John Jackson,
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart.,
Colonel Logan,
John Loudon,
Andrew Murdoch,
Alexander Pillans,
Robert Sharp,
James Steele,
William Sym,
Thomas Watt,
Walter Lindsay,
John M. Loudon,
George Stalker,
Charles A. Easson,
David Kirk,
James Davidson,
George Neilson,

being 24 in all.

Motion carried.

The Chairman thereupon declared the motion carried.

It was accordingly agreed—

(I.) That the payment of rates may be made to any of the following Collectors, viz.:—

(1) James A. Russell, National Bank of Scotland, Limited, Airdrie;
(2) W. B. Pairman, National Bank of Scotland, Limited, Biggar;
(3) Thomas Tennent, 58 Renfield Street, Glasgow;
(4) W. D. Loudon, Masonic Buildings, 106 Cadzow Street, Hamilton;
(5) A. W. Paterson, 5 Hope Street, Lanark;
(6) Robert M'Cowan, Public Hall Buildings, Strathaven;
(7) Thomas Munro, County Clerk and Treasurer, County Offices, Beckford Street, Hamilton; and

(II.) that the County Clerk be appointed to receive and deal with all communications with reference to assessments.

Blantyre Special Drainage and Lighting Districts.

No. 2502

COUNTY OF LANARK ASSESSMENTS, 1906-1907.

PARISH OF BLANTYRE.

I.—OWNERS CONSOLIDATED ASSESSMENT.

	£	:	:
County, Road, Public Health, Public Water, and Blantyre Special Drainage and Lighting District Assessments, ...	£	:	:
Domestic Water Assessment, ...		:	:
	£	:	:

II.—OCCUPIERS CONSOLIDATED ASSESSMENT.

County, Road, Public Health, Public Water, and Blantyre Special Drainage and Lighting District Assessments, ...	£	: 6 : 2½	
Domestic Water Assessment, ...		: 2 : 4	
			: 8 : 6½

	£	:	:
III.—Special Charge for Water supplied for other than Domestic purposes, ...		:	:
	£	:	:

HAMILTON, ...

Received *from* Mr Peter Kerr .....

the above sum of 8/6½ *Sterling, in payment of the County Assessments due in the Hamilton Collection District.*

W. Dykes Loudon *District Collector.*

Regulations for Collectors.

On the motion of the convener, it was remitted to the Finance Committee to enforce the regulations for the collection of rates, and to make such amendments thereon, or such additional regulations as may be required for the due collection of the rates, and with power to supersede any collector failing in the performance of his duty, and to fill up any vacancies in the collectorship, and to make any additions to the collectors employed, and to regulate the districts; and it was further agreed that power be also given to the Finance Committee to inquire into the nature of the arrears outstanding, strike off such as they may think irrecoverable, enforce recovery of the remainder, and otherwise deal with the same as they may think advisable.

Reports by District Committees.

There were laid before the meeting reports by the several District Committees for the year 1911-12, the reports in the cases of the Middle and Lower Wards being contained in the minutes of the District Committees.

Report by County Analyst under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

In terms of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, there was laid before the meeting a report by the County Analyst for the quarter ended 30th June last (forming Appendix IV. to this minute), a print of which had been sent to each member of the Council.

Report by District Agricultural Analyst under Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1906.

There was also laid before the meeting a report by the District Agricultural Analyst, under the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1906, for the quarter ending 30th June last (forming Appendix V. to this minute), which had also been printed and sent to each member of the Council.

Minutes of committees.

The following minutes of committees and sub-committees, and of the County Road Board, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council, were laid before the meeting, viz.:—

(1) Valuation Committee, Upper, Middle, and Lower Wards, of date 9th May, 1912; Upper Ward, of date 16th September, 1912; Middle Ward, of dates 10th and 12th September, 1912; Lower Ward, of date 13th September, 1912.

(2) Committee on Inebriates Act, of date 15th May 1912.

(3) Public Health Committee, of dates 22nd May, 24th July, and 25th September, 1912.

Sub-Committee on County Medical Officer's Staff, of date 25th September, 1912.

(4) Weights and Measures Committee, of dates 22nd May, 26th June, 24th July, and 25th September 1912.

(5) Parliamentary Bills Committee, of dates 22nd and 29th May, 5th and 26th June, 8th and 24th July, and 2nd October, 1912.

Joint Sub-Committee on Glasgow Boundaries Order, of dates 22nd and 29th May, and 5th and 26th June, 1912.

Advisory Sub-Committee on Glasgow Boundaries Order, of date 26th June, 1912.

Special Sub-Committee on Glasgow Boundaries Order, of date 8th July, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Blantyre Gas, of dates 29th May and 19th June, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Lanarkshire Tramways, of dates 20th June and 2nd October, 1912.

Advisory Sub-Committee on Lanarkshire Tramways, of dates 29th May and 12th and 19th June, 1912.

(6) General Purposes Committee, of dates 29th May, 17th July, and 25th September, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Shops Act, of dates 12th June and 13th September, 1912.

"Comet" Centenary.

By-laws for the Regulation of Advertisements, &c.

(7) Committee on National Insurance Act, of dates 12th and 26th June and 24th July, 1912.

Joint-Committee on National Insurance Act, of dates 8th and 14th August, 1912.

(8) Finance Committee, of dates 5th June, 3rd and 31st July, 11th September, and 2nd October, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Staff Salaries, of date 31st July, 1912.

Conference regarding House Letting and Rating Act, of date 7th August, and Sub-Committee, of date 14th August, 1912.

(9) Committee on Fire Brigades, of dates of 26th June and 25th September, 1912.

(10) Executive Committee, of dates 3rd and 17th July, 28th August, and 4th, 18th, and 25th September, 1912.

(11) County Road Board, of date 4th September, 1912.

(12) Joint-Committee on Cambuslang Electric Lighting, &c., of date 25th September, 1912.

(13) Joint Sub-Committee on Telephone Rates, &c., of date 22nd May, 1912.

(14) Explosives Committee (Airdrie District), of dates 28th June, 19th July, and 30th September, 1912.

(15) Explosives Committee (Hamilton District), of date 26th July, 1912.

Applications relative to borrowing.

The meeting thereafter resolved, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Finance Committee, to borrow the following sums on the security of the rates chargeable therewith, subject to the consent of the Standing Joint-Committee being obtained, in terms of the Statute, and it was remitted to the Finance Committee to obtain the amounts when required, and to fix the time or times within which they shall be repaid, and the meeting authorised the Convener or Vice-Convener and the Clerk to sign the minutes attached to the several applications, viz.:—

(*a*) £3,000 for the introduction of a gravitation water supply to Symington Special Water District from springs on the estate of St. John's Kirk;

(*b*) £120 for two extensions of the distributing pipes in the Forth Special Water District;

(*c*) £900 for the erection of a public slaughter-house at Forth;

(*d*) £130 for the reconstruction of a sewer in Crofthead Street, Uddingston, within the Uddingston Special Drainage District;

(*e*) £200 for the provision and erection of lamp pillars and lamps and the laying of service pipes within the Glengowan and Caldercruix Special Lighting District;

(*f*) £343, being the purchase price of sewers in connection with the Hamilton Road Special Drainage District;

(*g*) £12 for the purchase of five new lamp heads and the erection of three additional lamps within the Baillieston Special Lighting District;

(*h*) £2,700 for the erection of additional buildings and the provision of a new boiler, &c., at Stonehouse Hospital;

(*i*) £19, being the proportion payable by the Middle Ward District Committee for the erection of a wash-house in connection with the chauffeur's house and the erection of a store for petrol at Lightburn Joint-Hospital;

(*j*) £400 for the provision of additional fire hydrants in the District of the Middle Ward;

(*k*) £10 for the extension of distributing pipe in Carnwath Special Water District;

(*l*) £10 for the extension of sewer in Carnwath Special Drainage District.

(*m*) £550 for the lease of ground at Millheugh, Larkhall, for the erection of purification works in connection with Larkhall Special Drainage District;

(*n*) £350 for an improvement at the junction of the Stonehall and Newmill Highways near Chantinghall, Hamilton, in the Parish of Hamilton;

(*o*) £111 for the reconstruction of sewer in Main Street, Halfway, Cambuslang, within the Cambuslang Special Drainage District.

Public Health Department.—Additions and changes in staff.

The meeting, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Health Committee, agreed to the following additions and changes in the Staff of the Public Health Department, viz.:—

(1) That Dr. Hume Patterson, whose whole time had hitherto been devoted to the work of the Bacteriological Laboratory, be appointed a Medical Officer of Health for the County at his present salary of £300 per annum, subject to the provisions of Section 54 (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, and to the same conditions as apply in the case of other Assistant County Medical Officers;

(2) That the salary of Dr. Watt, Senior Assistant Medical Officer, be increased from £250 to £270 per annum, as from 15th current; and

(3) That the salary of Dr. Scroggie be increased from £200 to £250 per annum, as from 15th current.

The meeting further agreed that Dr. Daniel Stewart, who had since the beginning of July been temporarily employed by the County Medical Officer, should be continued as a temporary Assistant County Medical Officer of Health at a salary of £200 per annum.

Approval of minutes.

The meeting thereafter, subject to the foregoing resolutions, unanimously approved of the minutes of the County Road Board, and of the committees and sub-committees above mentioned.

Reference by Mr. John D. Scott to work done by Parliamentary Bills Committee.

Expression of appreciation of services rendered by Mr. Munro.

Mr. John D. Scott, Chairman of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, referred to the arduous work which had fallen to that committee during the past session, especially in connection with the opposition of the Council to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill and with the promotion of the Lanarkshire County Tramways Order. He also referred to the able manner in which the County Clerk had discharged his duties in connection with these measures, and on his motion, seconded by the Convener, the Council expressed their appreciation of Mr. Munro's services.

Congratulations to Mr. John D. Scott on his appointment under Board of Agriculture for Scotland, and appreciation of services rendered by him to the county.

The Convener stated that he desired to take this opportunity of expressing to Mr. Scott, on behalf of the members of the Council, their congratulations on his appointment under the Board of Agriculture for Scotland; their appreciation of the long services rendered by him to the County, and their hearty good wishes for the future.

Mr. Scott returns thanks.

Mr. Vere Hope having, on behalf of the members of the Upper Ward District Committee, joined in the expressions of the Convener, Mr. Scott returned thanks.

Mr. Davie's name to be added to General Purposes Committee.

It was agreed that the name of Mr. Davie should be added to the General Purposes Committee.

Petition by Dalserf Parish Council for appointment of additional representative on the County Council.

The Clerk having submitted a communication from the Clerk to the Dalserf Parish Council, of date 30th August, 1912, transmitting Petition by the Parish Council for the appointment of an additional representative on the County Council from the Parish of Dalserf, the meeting, after consideration, agreed to remit the matter to the Joint-Committee appointed to consider and report in regard to the rearrangements necessary consequent upon the extension of the City of Glasgow.

Petition by ratepayers in Shettleston against decision of Lower Ward District Committee regarding acceptance of a contract.

There having been laid before the meeting a Petition by ratepayers in Shettleston against the decision of the District Committee of the Lower Ward regarding the acceptance of a contract for the removal of refuse, the meeting agreed to allow it to lie on the table.

Deeds for Signature.

There having been submitted the following documents for execution, the meeting authorised any two members of the Council and the Clerk to sign the same in the name and on behalf of the County Council, and instructed the Clerk to attach to them the Common Seal of the County, viz.:—

1. Feu Contract between William Riddell (with consents) and the County Council of site of Public Slaughter-house at Strathaven;
2. Minute of Agreement (in duplicate) between James C. Hope Vere, of Blackwood, and the County Council in connection with Dunduff Quarry.
3. Minute of Agreement between the Coltness Iron Company, Limited, and the County Council regarding wayleaves, servitude, rights, &c., in connection with Newmains Drainage.

Severance of representatives from Burghs of Govan and Partick consequent upon Glasgow Boundaries Act.

The Convener, having referred to the fact that this was the last meeting of the County Council at which representatives of the Burghs of Govan and Partick would be present, expressed, on behalf of the other members of the Council, the pleasure which they had had in being associated with them in connection with the administration of the affairs of the County, and their regret at the severance which the Glasgow Boundaries Act entailed.

Messrs. Carson, Halley, Maxton, and Walker, on behalf of the representatives of the two burghs referred to, returned thanks for the compliments paid by the Convener.

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MINUTES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At GLASGOW, and within the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 13th November, 1912, being a Special General Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark, called in terms of the Notice hereinafter inserted. 13th November, 1912.

Present—

John Adam.
James Anderson.
J. P. Baird.
William Barr.
John Baxter.
Colonel Buchanan.
James Cameron.
W. W. Chapman.
Walter C. B. Christie.
Thomas G. Cowan.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold
Alexander Hamilton.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
Robert Lambie.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
John Loudon.
William Love.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
Andrew Murdoch.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
William Neilson.
Alexander Pillans.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
Gavin A. Shanks.
Robert Sharp.
James Steele.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
John Todd.
James Tonner.
James C. Hope Vere.
John M. Loudon.
George Stalker.
Charles A. Easson.
William M. Marshall.
Thomas Davie.
William Liddle.
Samuel Forrest.
David Hardie.
James T. Macdonald.

Colonel King Stewart, Convener of the County, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk read the notice calling the meeting, which was in the following terms, viz.:— *Notice calling meeting.*

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 1*st November*, 1912.

Sir,

I am to intimate that a Special General Meeting of the County Council of this County will be held in the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, Glasgow (entrance by 40 Wilson Street), *upon Wednesday, 13th November, at Two o'clock p.m.*, for the purpose of considering

a report by the Parliamentary Bills Committee relative to the promotion of a Provisional Order or Private Bill to authorise the construction of additional works in connection with the Middle Ward Water Undertaking, including a reservoir to be situate on the stream called Camps Water, in the Parish of Crawford; to confer powers upon the County Council to borrow money for the purpose of the Undertaking, and to levy assessments; to acquire land by compulsion or agreement; to extend the limits of the Middle Ward Water District; to authorise the abandonment of the Glengavel Reservoir, authorised by the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Act, 1896; to amend or repeal certain provisions of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Acts and other Statutes; to confer further powers upon the County Council and the District Committee, or either of them; and for other purposes.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

Minutes of Parliamentary Bills Committee.

There were submitted the minutes of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the Council, of dates 23rd October and 6th November, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council.

Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.—Draft Parliamentary Notice.

There was also laid on the table draft of a Parliamentary Notice of the proposed Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, a print of which had been sent to each member of the Council.

Communication from Clerk to District Committee of Middle Ward.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a communication, of date 9th November, 1912, which he had received from Mr. W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward, and which was in the following terms, viz.:—

"DISTRICT OFFICES,
"HAMILTON, *9th November*, 1912.

"DEAR SIR,

"MIDDLE WARD WATER—PROPOSED PROVISIONAL ORDER.

"At a meeting of the Middle Ward Water Committee, held yesterday, it was explained that, on a consideration by the County Parliamentary Bills Committee of the proposals put forward by this District Committee, with respect to the obtaining of further powers for (among other things) the construction of additional waterworks, the view had been expressed by several members that it might be desirable, having regard to the important character of the proposals recommended by Sir Alexander R. Binnie, to have corroboration of same by another eminent engineer. After discussing the matter, the Committee decided that—following a practice which has been observed in connection with former works of an important character—the details of the proposed new works should be submitted to another outstanding Engineer for his examination and criticism, before any start is made or expenditure incurred in connection with same, and I was directed to communicate this decision to you for the information of your Committee and the County Council.

"Yours faithfully,

"(Signed) W. E. WHYTE."

Minutes of Parliamentary Bills Committee adopted.

Mr. Fraser moved that the recommendation contained in the minutes of the Parliamentary Bills Committee be adopted, which was seconded by Mr. William Neilson.

After discussion, and a statement by Mr. Hope Vere as to the present attitude of the Upper Ward District Committee towards the proposed Order, the recommendation of the Parliamentary Bills Committee as contained in their minutes of 6th November was adopted.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

REPORT OF THE STANDING JOINT-COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF LANARK, IN PURSUANCE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1889, IN RELATION TO CAPITAL WORKS, AND TO THE BORROWING OF THE SUMS NECESSARY TO MEET THE EXPENSE THEREOF.

Since the date of their Report of Consent made to the County Council at the meeting of the Council held on 10th October last, the Standing Joint-Committee have given their consent to the following capital works, and to the borrowing of the sums aftermentioned for the respective capital works referred to, so far as it may be found necessary to borrow the same, and that by way of loans, to be repaid within the periods prescribed by the several Statutes administered by the County Council, the loans and interest thereof in each case to be charged to the appropriate rates levied in the several districts aftermentioned, viz.:—

Upper Ward.

The erection of public latrines and urinals in Douglas Special Scavenging District, at an estimated cost of £50.

Middle Ward.

(1) The provision and erection of lamp pillars, and the laying of pipes, within Baillieston Special Lighting District, at an estimated cost of £160.

(2) The conversion of gas lamps into electric lamps, within Cambuslang Special Lighting District, at an estimated cost of £211.

(3) The provision of lamps, &c., in connection with an extension of electric lighting system, within Cambuslang Special Lighting District, at an estimated cost of £300.

(4) The erection of a water tank at Hirst Hill, in the Parish of Shotts, and the laying of pipe from Newhouse at Hirst, under the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Acts, at an estimated cost of £900.

Lower Ward.

(1) (*a*) The laying of sewer in Pettigrew Street, Shettleston, at an estimated cost of £150; and (*b*) the District Committee's quota of the excess Capital Expenditure in connection with the Sewage Purification Works at Westthorn, £1,608 10s. 11d., both within Barony Special Drainage District.

(2) The erection of additional lamps and lamp-posts, within Shettleston and Tollcross Special Lighting District, at an estimated cost of £247.

The committee have also given their consent to the undertaking of the following capital works, viz. :—

Upper Ward.

The widening of Kirklands Bridge, on the main Parish Road, in the Parish of Dunsyre, at an estimated cost of £70.

Middle Ward.

(1) The widening and improvement of Luggie Highway (Belvidere Road), Bellshill, in the Parish of Bothwell, at an estimated cost of £60.

(2) The widening and improvement of Bothwell Highway (at the corner of Church Street and Main Street), Uddingston, in the Parish of Bothwell, at an estimated cost of £100.

(3) An improvement of Calderbank Highway, at Calderbank, in the Parish of Old Monkland, at an estimated cost of £35.

Lower Ward.

Erection of additional lamps and lamp-posts within Millerston and Stepps Special Lighting District, at an estimated cost of £13.

WM. SPEIRS,
WM. NEILSON,
Two Members of the Standing Joint-Committee.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

December, 1912

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COUNTY OF LANARK.

REPORT OF CONSENT

BY THE

STANDING JOINT-COMMITTEE

TO

CAPITAL WORKS AND BORROWING

TO BE SUBMITTED TO

STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNTY

COUNCIL

ON

WEDNESDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1912.

THE COUNTY CLERK.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

REPORT

OF

THE COUNTY ROAD BOARD

TO THE

STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

Wednesday, 11th December, 1912.

ADDITIONS TO THE LISTS OF HIGHWAYS.

The Board recommend that the County Council should, at this meeting, declare that the following roads, which, at the commencement of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, were not maintained out of the public funds derived from tolls or assessments or other sources of revenue, shall be highways within the meaning and for the purposes of that Act, and, as such, be added to the lists of roads, highways, and bridges, made up in terms of Section 41 thereof, viz.:—

IN THE DISTRICT OF THE MIDDLE WARD.

Parish of Glasford—

The new or diverted portion of Muirburn Highway, from a point at the entrance to Glasford Burial Ground, southwards through Manse Garden to the junction of the existing Highway, a distance of 31 yards or thereby.

IN THE DISTRICT OF THE LOWER WARD.

Parish of Cadder—

Beechmount Road, from the termination of the existing Highway to Auchinloch Road, a distance of 109 yards or thereby.

The Board also recommend that the County Council should declare, in terms of Section 42 of the said Act, that the following road, or part of road, shall cease to be a highway within the meaning and for the purposes of the said Act, viz :—

IN THE DISTRICT OF THE MIDDLE WARD.

Parish of Glasford—

Muirburn Highway, from a point at the entrance to Kirkstyle Farm southwards to its junction with the new or diverted portion of road, a distance of 10 yards or thereby.

The Board further recommend that the County Council should declare, in terms of Section 43 of the said Act, that the portion of Muirburn Highway above described, shall be shut up.

R. K. STEWART,
Chairman.

December, 1912.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

REPORT

OF

THE COUNTY ROAD BOARD

TO

THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL,

TO BE HELD ON

Wednesday, 11th December, 1912.

THE COUNTY CLERK.

SALE OF FOOD AND

COUNTY OF

REPORT by the PUBLIC ANALYST upon the Articles analysed

1. Number.	2. Date when Article received for Analysis.	3. Name of Local Authority under whose direction and by whose Officer the sample was submitted for Analysis.	4. Place where Sample taken.	5. Article submitted for Analysis.	6. Result of Analysis. Article Genuine.	Article adulterated, and nature and extent of adulteration.
151	July 3	Lanark County Council,	Cambuslang, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Genuine,	... ...
152	,, 3	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
153	,, 3	Do.,	Do., ...	Do..	Do.,	... ...
154	,, 3	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
155	,, 3	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
156	,, 3	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
159	Aug. 13	Do.,	Carluke, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
160	,, 13	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
161	,, 13	Do.,	Do., ..	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
162	,, 13	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
163	,, 13	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do..	... ...
164	,, 13	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
165	,, 16	Do.,	Bothwell, ...	Do..	Do.,	... ...
166	,, 16	Do.,	Do., ...	Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...
167	,, 16	Do.,	Uddingston, ...	Coffee, ...	Do.,	... ...
168	,, 16	Do.,	Do., ...	Marmalade, ...	Do.,	... ...
169	,, 16	Do.,	Do., ...	Cream, ...	Do.,	... ...
170	,, 16	Do.,	Tollcross, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
171	,, 16	Do.,	Do., ...	Condensed Milk, ...	Do ,	... ...
172	,, 16	Do.,	Do., ...	Sweet Milk. ...	Do.,	... ...
173	,, 16	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
174	,, 19	Do.,	Do., ...	Margarine, ...	Do.,	... ...
179	,, 20	Do.,	Farme, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Do ,	... ...
180	,, 20	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
181	,, 21	Do.,	Cambuslang,	Syrup, ...	Do.,	... ...
182	,, 21	Do.,	Do.,	Cream, ...	Do.,	... ...
183	,, 21	Do.,	Do..	Condensed Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
184	,, 21	Do.,	Larkhall, ...	Sweet Milk, ..	Do.,	... ...
185	,, 21	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... .
186	,, 21	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...

DRUGS ACTS, 1875 to 1899.

LANARK.

by him during the Quarter ending 30th SEPTEMBER, 1912.

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				Amount of Costs.		
Sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	Observations of Analyst.	Were proceedings taken?	Amount of Penalty inflicted.	Charged on Offender.	Charged on Local Authority.	Observations of Clerk to the Local Authority.
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					Article Genuine.	Article adulterated, and nature and extent of adulteration.
187	Aug. 21	Lanark County Council,	Larkhall, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Genuine,	... ...
188	,, 21	Do..	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	.. ..
189	,, 21	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
190	,, 23	Do.,	Blantyre, ...	Do., ...	...	Deficient in milk fat 11 per cent., ...
191	,, 23	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...
192	,, 23	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
193	,, 23	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
194	,, 23	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do..	... ...
195	,, 23	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
197	,, 27	Do.,	High Blantyre,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
198	,, 27	Do.,	Do.,	Butter, ...	Do.,	... .
199	,, 28	Do.,	Lenzie, ...	Cream, ...	Do.,	... ...
200	,, 28	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
201	,, 28	Do.,	Do., ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
202	,, 28	Do.,	Shettleston, ...	Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...
203	,, 28	Do.,	Do., ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
204	,, 28	Do.,	Do	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
205	,, 30	Do.,	Carluke, ...	Golden Syrup, ...	Do.,	... ...
206	,, 30	Do.,	Do., ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	.. ..
207	,, 30	Do..	Blantyre, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
208	,, 30	Do.,	Do., ..	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
209	,, 30	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
210	,, 30	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
211	,, 30	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
212	,, 30	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do,,	... ...
213	Sept. 4	Do.,	Bellshill, ...	Fresh Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...
214	,, 4	Do.,	Salsburgh, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
215	,, 4	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
216	,, 4	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
217	,, 4	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
218	,, 6	Do.,	Glasford, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
219	,, 6	Do..	Eddlewood, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
220	,, 6	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	...	Deficient in milk fat 10 per cent., ...
221	,, 6	Do.,	Cadzow, ..	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...
222	,, 6	Do.,	Meikle Earnock,	Do., ...	...	Deficient in milk fat 8 per cent., ...

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Sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	Observations of Analyst.	Were proceedings taken?	Amount of Penalty inflicted.	Charged on Offender.	Charged on Local Authority.	Observations of Clerk to the Local Authority.
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223	Sept. 12	Lanark County Council,	Strathaven, ...	Whisky, ...	Genuine,	... ...
224	,, 12	Do.,	Cleland, ...	Sweet Milk,... ...	Do.,	... ...
225	,, 12	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
226	,, 12	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
227	,, 12	Do.,	Do., ...	Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...
228	,, 12	Do.,	Do., ...	Sweet Milk,... ...	Do.,	... ...
229	,, 12	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
230	,, 13	Do.,	Carnbroe, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
231	,, 13	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
232	,, 13	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
233	,, 13	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
234	,, 13	Do.,	Do., ...	Chocolate, ...	Do.,	... ...
236	,, 18	Do.,	Holytown, ...	Sweet Milk,... ...	Do.,	... ...
237	,, 18	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
238	,, 18	Do.,	New Stevenston,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
239	,, 18	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
240	,, 18	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
241	,, 18	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
242	,, 18	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
243	,, 18	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
244	,, 20	Do.,	Auchentibber,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
245	,, 20	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
246	,, 20	Do.,	Caldercruix, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
247	,, 20	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
248	,, 20	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
249	,, 20	Do.,	Longriggend,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
250	,, 20	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
251	,, 20	Do.,	Greengairs, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
252	,, 20	Do.,	Wattstoun, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
253	,, 20	Do.,	Greengairs, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
256	,, 26	Do.,	Blantyre, ...	Fresh Butter, ...	Do..	... ...
258	,, 26	Do.,	Wilsontown, ...	Sweet Milk,... ...	Do.,	... ...
259	,, 26	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
260	,, 26	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
262	,, 27	Do.,	Bellshill, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...

7. Sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	8. Observations of Analyst.	9. Were proceedings taken?	10. Amount of Penalty inflicted.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Offender.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Local Authority.	12. Observations of Clerk to the Local Authority.
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					Article Genuine.	Article adulterated, and nature and extent of adulteration.
263	Sept. 27	Lanark County Council,	Bellshill, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Genuine,	... ...
264	,, 27	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
265	,, 27	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
266	,, 27	Do.,	Do.. ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
267	,, 27	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
268	,, 27	Do.,	Do., ...	Sausages, ...	Do..	... ...
269	,, 27	Do.,	Do., ...	Luncheon Sausage,...	Do.,	... ...

Total number of samples analysed at the instance of the Local Authority or their Officer during the quarter, ... 107
Total number of same found to be adulterated, ... 3
Samples submitted by private individuals, in terms of Section 12 of the above Act, ... —

10th October, 1912.

ROBERT M. CLARK, *Public Analyst.*

7. Sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	8. Observations of Analyst.	9. Were proceedings taken?	10. Amount of Penalty inflicted.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Offender.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Local Authority.	12. Observations of Clerk to the Local Authority.
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0 10 0	Contained 14·6 grains of boracic acid per lb.					
0 10 0	Contained 15·6 grains of boracic acid per lb.					

15th October, 1912.

THOS. MUNRO, *Clerk to the Local Authority.*

TEST SAMPLES SUBMITTED FOR ANALYSIS.

1. Number	2. Date when Article received for Analysis.	3. Article submitted for Analysis.	4. Result of Analysis. Article genuine.	4. Result of Analysis. Article adulterated, and nature and extent of adulteration.	5. Sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	6. Observations of Analyst.
157	July 3	Sweet Milk, ...	Genuine,	... ...	£0 10 0	
175	Aug. 20	Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
176	,, 20	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
177	,, 20	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
178	,, 20	Butter, ...	...	Contained 86 per cent. of fatty matter not derived from milk,	0 10 0	

10th October, 1912.—ROBERT M. CLARK, *Public Analyst.*

15th October, 1912.—THOS. MUNRO, *Clerk to the Local Authority.*

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

REPORT

BY

COUNTY ANALYST

FOR

QUARTER Ending 30th SEPTEMBER, 1912,

TO BE SUBMITTED, IN TERMS OF THE

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS,

TO THE

STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL,

TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1912.

COUNTY

FERTILISERS AND FEED

Report to the Board of Agriculture for Scotland by the

Name of Fertiliser or Feeding Stuff.	Date of Receipt of Sample.	Number, &c., on Sample.	Name and Address of Vendor (if known).	Name and Address of Purchaser (if any).
Indian Meal, ...	26th Sept.,	No. 34	Not known,	Not known,

OF LANARK.

ING STUFFS ACT, 1906.

Agricultural Analyst for the Quarter ending 30th September, 1912.

	REMARKS.
Informal Sample—Genuine and Satisfactory.	

Number of Samples { Fertilisers, - - / Feeding Stuffs, - 1

Signature of Agricultural Analyst, R. R. TATLOCK.

Date, 2nd December, 1912.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

REPORT

BY

DISTRICT ANALYST

UNDER

FERTILISERS AND FEEDING STUFFS ACT, 1906,

FOR THE

QUARTER ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1912,

TO BE SUBMITTED TO

THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL,

TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 11th December, 1912.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

ABSTRACT OF VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1912-1913, AND COMPARISON WITH THAT OF 1911-1912.

COUNTY OF

ABSTRACT OF VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1912-1913,

Name of Parish.	1912-13. General Heritages. £	s.	d.	Railways, &c. £	s.	d.	Total, 1912-1913. £	s.	d.	1911-12. General Heritages. £	s.	d.	Railways, &c. £	s.	d.
UPPER WARD.															
Biggar (Landward),	9,270	4	0	792	0	0	10,062	4	0	9,144	9	0	668	0	0
Do. (Police Burgh),	7,656	0	0	...			7,656	0	0	7,596	8	0	...		
Carluke,	54.937	0	0	4,474	0	0	59,411	0	0	55,311	8	0	3,889	0	0
Carmichael,	9,858	7	0	1,140	0	0	10,998	7	0	9,655	6	0	923	0	0
Carnwath,	35,192	13	0	7,465	0	0	42,657	13	0	35,304	18	0	6,008	0	0
Carstairs,	12,232	1	0	3,739	0	0	15.971	1	0	12.180	0	0	3,410	0	0
Covington,	5,669	8	0	1,346	0	0	7,015	8	0	5,347	16	0	1,076	0	0
Crawford,	19,467	13	0	4,000	0	0	23,467	13	0	18.835	14	0	3,246	0	0
Crawfordjohn,	9,519	7	0	...			9,519	7	0	9,469	0	0	...		
Culter,	12,812	17	0	304	0	0	13,116	17	0	12,202	11	0	245	0	0
Dolphinton,	2,419	15	0	309	0	0	2,728	15	0	2,420	18	0	245	0	0
Douglas,	18,838	5	0	4,535	0	0	23,373	5	0	18,692	11	0	3,657	0	0
Dunsyre,	2,991	1	0	1,354	0	0	4.345	1	0	2.963	5	0	1,082	0	0
Lamington,	11,421	18	0	1,547	0	0	12,968	18	0	9,927	8	0	1.226	0	0
Lanark,	19,357	14	0	2,849	0	0	22,206	14	0	19,148	12	0	2,311	0	0
Lesmahagow,	67,091	18	0	9,435	0	0	76,526	18	0	67,964	16	0	7,644	0	0
Liberton,	7,943	8	0	...			7.943	8	0	7,811	8	0	...		
Pettinain,	4,232	5	0	547	0	0	4,779	5	0	4,459	4	0	434	0	0
Symington,	4,777	0	0	1,714	0	0	6,491	0	0	4,643	6	0	1,376	0	0
Walston,	2,865	15	0	...			2,865	15	0	2,877	15	0	...		
Wiston and Roberton,	7,398	7	0	619	0	0	8,017	7	0	7,330	9	0	502	0	0
Total, Upper Ward,	325,952	16	0	46,169	0	0	372,121	16	0	323,287	2	0	37,942	0	0
MIDDLE WARD.															
Avondale,	55.206	5	0	4,804	0	0	60,010	5	0	55.036	14	0	4,012	0	0
Blantyre,	73,593	17	0	4,368	0	0	77,961	17	0	75.160	2	0	3,785	0	0
Bothwell,	274,647	0	0	21,007	0	0	295,654	0	0	282.606	13	0	17,759	0	0
Do. (Police Burgh of Motherwell),	1,669	4	0	105	0	0	1,774	4	0	1,654	14	0	83	0	0
Cambuslang,	140,290	15	11	8,538	0	0	148.828	15	11	136.224	7	11	7,592	0	0
Cambusnethan (Landward),	86,708	3	0	8,395	0	0	95,103	3	0	85.066	3	0	7,133	0	0
Do. (Police Burgh of Wishaw),	74,992	6	0	4,078	0	0	79,070	6	0	74,234	7	0	3,649	0	0
Dalserf,	66,929	17	0	5,157	0	0	72,086	17	0	65,199	9	0	4,360	0	0
Dalziel (Landward),	41,679	9	0	7,063	0	0	48,742	9	0	43,886	16	0	6,484	0	0
Do. (Police Burgh of Motherwell),	190,286	16	0	7,655	0	0	197,941	16	0	184,376	5	0	6,835	0	0
Do. (Police Burgh of Wishaw),	14.778	8	0	741	0	0	15.519	8	0	14.196	9	0	652	0	0
East Kilbride,	43,786	17	0	2.599	0	0	46,385	17	0	43,720	3	0	2,127	0	0
Glasford,	13.135	11	0	239	0	0	13,374	11	0	12,909	10	0	195	0	0
Hamilton,	111,676	5	0	9,251	0	0	120,927	5	0	115,669	13	0	8,034	0	0
New Monkland,	56,610	16	7	14,026	0	0	70,636	16	7	56,850	8	2	12.687	0	0
Old Monkland,	89,226	8	6	19,192	0	0	108,418	8	6	93.353	13	11	17,365	0	0
Shotts,	90,628	8	0	11,898	0	0	102,526	8	0	89,190	19	6	10,357	0	0
Stonehouse,	16,345	8	0	2,648	0	0	18,993	8	0	16,502	6	0	2,154	0	0
Total, Middle Ward,	1,442,191	15	0	131,764	0	0	1,573,955	15	0	1,445,838	13	6	115,263	0	0
LOWER WARD.															
*Glasgow (late Barony),	135,900	8	10	20,760	0	0	156,660	8	10	134,505	7	4	19.415	0	0
Cadder,	97,227	1	6	10,325	0	0	107.552	1	6	91.007	6	11	9,420	0	0
Carmunnock,	9,580	6	11	123	0	0	9.703	6	11	10,140	17	11	105	0	0
*Govan (Landward),	24,505	5	4	5,976	0	0	30,481	5	4	23,014	5	4	5,548	0	0
* Do. (Police Burgh of Partick),	386,247	19	6	27,038	0	0	413,285	19	6	382,588	15	6	26.013	0	0
* Do. (Police Burgh of Govan),	465,644	18	6	20,852	0	0	486,496	18	6	461,346	0	6	20,532	0	0
Rutherglen,	34,576	16	3	5,698	0	0	40,274	16	3	33,878	10	3	5,252	0	0
Total, Lower Ward,	1,153,682	16	10	90,772	0	0	1,244,454	16	10	1,136,481	3	9	86,285	0	0
Total, Whole County,	2,921,827	7	10	268,705	0	0	3,190.532	7	10	2,905.606	19	3	239,490	0	0

* Under the Glasgow Boundaries Act, 1912, there was annexed to the City of Glasgow on 5th November, of the Parishes of Glasgow

	General Heritages. £	s.	d.
Parish of Glasgow (late Barony),	86.235	16	4
Do. Govan (Landward),	24,100	16	4
Do. do. (Police Burgh of Partick),	386,247	19	6
Do. do. (Police Burgh of Govan),	465,644	18	6
Total Valuation lost by the County,	962,229	10	8

LANARK.

AND COMPARISON WITH THAT OF 1911-1912.

Total, 1911-1912.	Increase.		Decrease.		Net Increase.	Net Decrease.
	General Heritages.	Railways, &c.	General Heritages.	Railways, &c.		
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
9,812 9 0	125 15 0	124 0 0	...	...	249 15 0	...
7,596 8 0	59 12 0	...	...	...	59 12 0	...
59,200 8 0	...	585 0 0	374 8 0	...	210 12 0	...
10,578 6 0	203 1 0	217 0 0	...	...	420 1 0	...
41,312 18 0	...	1,457 0 0	112 5 0	...	1,344 15 0	...
15,590 0 0	52 1 0	329 0 0	...	...	381 1 0	...
6,423 16 0	321 12 0	270 0 0	...	...	591 12 0	...
22,081 14 0	631 19 0	754 0 0	...	...	1,385 19 0	...
9,469 0 0	50 7 0	...	...	...	50 7 0	...
12,447 11 0	610 6 0	59 0 0	...	...	669 6 0	...
2,665 18 0	...	64 0 0	1 3 0	...	62 17 0	...
22,349 11 0	145 14 0	878 0 0	...	...	1,023 14 0	...
4,045 5 0	27 16 0	272 0 0	...	...	299 16 0	...
11,153 8 0	1,494 10 0	321 0 0	...	...	1,815 10 0	...
21,459 12 0	209 2 0	538 0 0	...	...	747 2 0	...
75,608 16 0	...	1,791 0 0	872 18 0	...	918 2 0	...
7,811 8 0	132 0 0	...	...	...	132 0 0	...
4,893 4 0	...	113 0 0	226 19 0	...	...	113 19 0
6,019 6 0	133 14 0	338 0 0	...	...	471 14 0	...
2,877 15 0	...	...	12 0 0	...	...	12 0 0
7,832 9 0	67 18 0	117 0 0	...	...	184 18 0	...
361,229 2 0	4,265 7 0	8,227 0 0	1,599 13 0	...	11,018 13 0	125 19 0
59,048 14 0	169 11 0	792 0 0	...	...	961 11 0	...
78,945 2 0	...	583 0 0	1,566 5 0	...	...	983 5 0
300,365 13 0	...	3,248 0 0	7,959 13 0	...	...	4,711 13 0
1,737 14 0	14 10 0	22 0 0	...	...	36 10 0	...
143,816 7 11	4,066 8 0	946 0 0	...	...	5,012 8 0	...
92,199 3 0	1,642 0 0	1,262 0 0	...	...	2,904 0 0	...
77,883 7 0	757 19 0	429 0 0	...	...	1,186 19 0	...
69,559 9 0	1,730 8 0	797 0 0	...	...	2,527 8 0	...
50,370 16 0	...	579 0 0	2,207 7 0	...	...	1,628 7 0
191,211 5 0	5,910 11 0	820 0 0	...	...	6,730 11 0	...
14,848 9 0	581 19 0	89 0 0	...	...	670 19 0	...
45,847 3 0	66 14 0	472 0 0	...	...	538 14 0	...
13,104 10 0	226 1 0	44 0 0	...	...	270 1 0	...
123,703 13 0	...	1,217 0 0	3,993 8 0	...	...	2,776 8 0
69,537 8 2	...	1,339 0 0	239 11 7	...	1,099 8 5	...
110,718 13 11	...	1,827 0 0	4,127 5 5	...	...	2,300 5 5
99,547 19 6	1,437 8 6	1,541 0 0	...	...	2,978 8 6	...
18,656 6 0	...	494 0 0	156 18 0	...	337 2 0	...
1,561,101 13 6	16,603 9 6	16,501 0 0	20,250 8 0	...	25,253 19 11	12,399 18 5
153,920 7 4	1,395 1 6	1,345 0 0	...	...	2,740 1 6	...
100,427 6 11	6,219 14 7	905 0 0	...	...	7,124 14 7	...
10,245 17 11	...	18 0 0	560 11 0	...	...	542 11 0
28,562 5 4	1,491 0 0	428 0 0	...	...	1,919 0 0	...
408,601 15 6	3,659 4 0	1,025 0 0	...	...	4,684 4 0	...
481,878 0 6	4,298 18 0	320 0 0	...	...	4,618 18 0	...
39,130 10 3	698 6 0	446 0 0	...	...	1,144 6 0	...
1,222,766 3 9	17,762 4 1	4,487 0 0	560 11 0	...	22,231 4 1	542 11 0
3,145,096 19 3	38,631 0 7	29,215 0 0	22,410 12 0	...	58,503 17 0	13,068 8 5

1912, the whole of the Police Burghs of Govan and Partick, together with the following valuations and Govan Landward :—

Railways, &c.	Total.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.
7,885 0 0	94,120 16 4
4,462 0 0	28,562 16 4
27,038 0 0	413,285 19 6
20,852 0 0	486,496 18 6
60,237 0 0	1,022,466 10 8

Name of District.	1912-13. General Heritages. £ s. d.	1912-13. Railways, &c. £ s. d.	1912-13. Total, 1912-1913. £ s. d.	1911-12. General Heritages. £ s. d.	1911-12. Railways, &c. £ s. d.
UPPER WARD.					
Landward,	318,296 16 0	46,169 0 0	364,465 16 0	315,690 14 0	37,942 0 0
Police Burgh of Biggar,	7,656 0 0	...	7,656 0 0	7,596 8 0	...
Total, Upper Ward,	325,952 16 0	46,169 0 0	372,121 16 0	323,287 2 0	37,942 0 0
MIDDLE WARD.					
Landward,	1,160,465 1 0	119,185 0 0	1,279,650 1 0	1,171,376 18 6	104.044 0 0
Police Burghs of Motherwell & Wishaw,	281,726 14 0	12,579 0 0	294,305 14 0	274,461 15 0	11,219 0 0
Total, Middle Ward,	1,442,191 15 0	131,764 0 0	1,573,955 15 0	1,445,838 13 6	115,263 0 0
LOWER WARD.					
Landward,	301,789 18 10	42,882 0 0	344,671 18 10	292,546 7 9	39.740 0 0
Police Burghs of Govan and Partick,	851,892 18 0	47,890 0 0	899,782 18 0	843,934 16 0	46,545 0 0
Total, Lower Ward,	1,153,682 16 10	90,772 0 0	1,244,454 16 10	1,136,481 3 9	86,285 0 0
GRAND TOTAL.					
Landward,	1,780,551 15 10	208,236 0 0	1,988,787 15 10	1,779,614 0 3	181,726 0 0
Police Burghs,	1,141,275 12 0	60,469 0 0	1,201,744 12 0	1,125,992 19 0	57,764 0 0
Whole County,	2,921,827 7 10	268,705 0 0	3,190,532 7 10	2,905,606 19 3	239,490 0 0

MARY.

Total, 1911-1912.	Increase.		Decrease.		Net Increase.	Net Decrease.
	General Heritages.	Railways, &c.	General Heritages.	Railways, &c.		
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
353,632 14 0	2,606 2 0	8,227 0 0	...	...	10,833 2 0	...
7,596 8 0	59 12 0	...	...	...	59 12 0	...
361,229 2 0	2,665 14 0	8,227 0 0	...	...	10,892 14 0	...
1,275,420 18 6	...	15,141 0 0	10,911 17 6	...	4,229 2 6	
285,680 15 0	7,264 19 0	1,360 0 0	...	...	8,624 19 0	...
1,561,101 13 6	7,264 19 0	16,501 0 0	10,911 17 6	...	12,854 1 6	...
332,286 7 9	9,243 11 1	3,142 0 0	...	...	12,385 11 1	...
890,479 16 0	7,958 2 0	1,345 0 0	...	...	9,303 2 0	...
1,222,766 3 9	17,201 13 1	4,487 0 0	...	...	21,688 13 1	...
1,961,340 0 3	937 15 7	26,510 0 0	...	...	27,447 15 7	...
1,183,756 19 0	15,282 13 0	2,705 0 0	...	...	17,987 13 0	...
3,145,096 19 3	16,220 8 7	29,215 0 0	...	...	45,435 8 7	...

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE

STATUTORY MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 1912.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

JOINT-COMMITTEE *RE* NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 9th October, 1912, being a Meeting of the Joint-Committee appointed by the County Council and the several District Committees in regard to the provision of Sanatoria for the Treatment of Tuberculosis. 9th October, 1912.

Present—

As representing the County Council—

GEORGE FRASER. | ROBERT LAMBIE.
JOHN D. SCOTT.

As representing the Upper Ward District Committee—

JAMES H. FENTON.

As representing the Middle Ward District Committee—

JAMES CAMERON. | JAMES C. POLLOK.
THOS. G. COWAN. | DAVID THOMSON.

Mr. Lambie, Chairman of the Joint-Committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the Joint-Committee, of date 14th August, which had been submitted to and approved by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk having informed the meeting of a communication made to him by the Clerk to the Provisional Insurance Committee for Lanarkshire, the meeting agreed that the members of that committee, along with representatives of the National Health Insurance Commission (Scotland), should be invited to take part in an inspection of the several hospitals in the county, and also of the buildings at Hairmyres, which it had been suggested might be used as a sanatorium should such an institution be required for the treatment of consumptive cases. It was remitted to the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements. *Sanatoria.—Inspection of hospitals in county.*

It was also agreed that such members of this committee as could find it convenient should take part in the inspection.

The Clerk submitted and read a letter from the Town-Clerk of Hamilton enquiring as to the terms per week upon which the County Council would be prepared to receive patients suffering from phthisis from the Burgh of Hamilton into the county hospitals, and whether there would be any difference in the charges for a shorter or longer period of treatment. *Admission of phthisis patients from burgh into county hospitals.—Letter from Town-Clerk.*

The Clerk was instructed to transmit copies of the communication to the District Committees.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 16th October, 1912, being a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the County Council of Lanark as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts. 16th October, 1912.

Present—

J. P. Baird.
William Barr.
James Cameron.
Thomas G. Cowan.
Samuel Forrest.
Alexander Hamilton.
William Love.
David K. Michie.
Andrew Murdoch.
William Neilson.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
John D. Scott.
William Sym.
James Young.
William Templeton.

Attending—

Hugh Begg, Veterinary Inspector.

Mr. Templeton, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 25th September, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting, the Clerk reported that a further Conference of Local Authorities was held at Edinburgh on 4th current, when there attended on behalf of this Local Authority the Chairman, Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Provost Forrest, and Mr. Michie, along with himself and Mr. Begg. *Foot and Mouth Disease.—Further conference of local authorities at Edinburgh.*

By way of informing the committee of the position in which the matter now stood, the Clerk stated that, as at previous conferences, it was found that the views of the several representatives were so divergent that no understanding could be come to which would secure general approval, but the conference appointed a committee which is to meet to-morrow with a view to further considering the situation, and, if thought advisable, to seek an interview with the Board of Agriculture. *Result of conference.*

Present position of matters.

Since the date of the conference there has been comparatively little change in the position of matters, except that one or two of the Border Counties, whose regulations at that date admitted of stock being moved from England and Wales, have since amended their regulations so as to prohibit movement from these countries.

Movement of stock from certain districts on declaration.

As regards movement of stock from counties whose regulations, although somewhat similar, are not identical with those of this County, it has been found necessary, in order to meet exceptional cases, to grant licences authorising the movement of stock, especially sheep, into this County on a declaration to the effect—

> That the animals in question have, during the past 28 days, been on the premises from which they are to be moved; that they have not, during that period, been in contact with animals which have come from England or Wales, and that they have not been in any way exposed to the infection of Foot-and-Mouth Disease.

Orders by Board of Agriculture.

The Clerk submitted the following Orders which had been issued by the Board of Agriculture since the date of last meeting, and which are of considerable importance, viz. :—

> The Animals (Landing from Ireland) Amendment Orders of 1912 (Nos. 11 and 12).

Main provisions of Orders.

The former Order merely consolidates and amends existing Orders as to the landing of animals from Ireland for the purpose of slaughter within the limits of certain specified foreign animals wharfs, one of these being the Foreign Animals Wharf at Merklands. The animals so landed require to be slaughtered within days.

The latter Order, which is the more important one, allows cattle which have been shipped in Ireland at any of the ports specified, viz., Belfast, Cork, Dublin, Londonderry, and Waterford, being landed at special landing places at Birkenhead, Manchester, Cardiff, Hull, and Newcastle-on-Tyne. Cattle so landed require to be detained at the landing places until 4 days have elapsed from the time of sailing from Ireland, during which period they are marked, examined, and kept under continuous supervision by Veterinary Inspectors of the Board. If all the cattle then in the landing places are certified to be free from Foot-and-Mouth Disease, the cattle may be moved direct to the buyer's premises by licence of an Inspector of the Board, *if such movement is not contrary to any Order of the Board or Regulation of a Local Authority in Great Britain.* Cattle so moved are required to be kept separate from other animals during transit, and on arrival they are required to be detained and kept under the supervision of a Veterinary Inspector of the Local Authority for a period of 21 days, and they must be kept isolated.

Burghs of Airdrie, Hamilton, and Rutherglen to be asked to make Regulations.

In view of the provisions of that Order, the Clerk stated that he had sent a communication to the Local Authorities of the Burghs of Airdrie, Hamilton, and Rutherglen, who had not made any regulations in the matter, pointing out the possibility in the absence of regulations prohibiting movement that cattle from Ireland might be moved into their districts, and as a consequence movement of stock from these Burghs into the County would be prohibited.

Replies from Burghs.

The Burghs of Hamilton and Rutherglen have intimated their intention to make regulations at once, and the Town-Clerk of Airdrie writes that the matter will be considered at an early meeting of his Local Authority.

County's present Regulations to be continued.

The meeting, after discussion, agreed that meantime the existing regulations of this Local Authority be continued.

Clerk authorised to grant permits for movement in special cases.

The meeting approved of the action of the Clerk in granting permission to move stock into this County in the special cases above referred to, and authorised him so continue to exercise his discretion in regard to any future applications which may be made for the movement of stock in exceptional circumstances.

Order by Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland.

There is also submitted for the information of the committee an Order by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland with respect to the importation of sheep from Scotland.

Provisions of Order.

That Order provides that sheep from Scotland may be imported into Ireland on the following conditions, viz. :—

(1) A declaration by the owner that he had not, during the period of two months, had in his possession any animal which had been in England or Wales or in the Counties of Berwick, Roxburgh, Selkirk, or Dumfries;

(2) a certificate by a Veterinary Inspector that the sheep are free from disease;

(3) a certificate by the Chief Constable that no case of Foot-and-Mouth Disease has occurred in the district within a period of two months.

In the case of sheep coming from a saleyard, there is required a certificate by the Veterinary Inspector of the Local Authority certifying that he had examined all the animals exposed at the sale and found them free from disease.

The sheep, on landing in Ireland, are again subjected to further restrictions, unless they are intended for slaughter. They are required to be moved direct to the place of destination, and there detained for a period of 28 days.

Application by Mr. Thomas Simpson, Portobello re movement of boar.

The Clerk submitted an application by Mr. Thomas Simpson, Duddingston Farm, Portobello, for permission to move a boar from premises within the City of Edinburgh to Gartloch Asylum.

Application refused.

The meeting, in respect that the City of Edinburgh was open to the movement of stock from England, Wales, and Ireland, agreed that it would be inexpedient to grant permission, and instructed the Clerk accordingly.

28th October, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Monday, 28th October, 1912, being a Meeting of the Executive Committee as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the County of Lanark.

Present—

William Barr.
Samuel Forrest.
Alexander Hamilton.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, M.V.O.
John M. Loudon.
William Love.
David K. Michie.
William Neilson.
James Prentice.
William Sym.
William Templeton.

Attending—

Hugh Begg, F.R.C.V.S., County Veterinary Inspector.

Chairman.

Mr. William Templeton, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 16th instant, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Foot-and-mouth Disease.—Further conference at Edinburgh.

The Clerk stated that the primary purpose of the meeting was to consider the attitude to be adopted by the representatives of the Committee at the further Conference of Local Authorities to be held at Edinburgh on 1st proximo, when the following questions would be submitted for consideration, viz. :—

(1) The proposal to land store cattle from Ireland at the port of Glasgow; and

(2) The revocation or modification of existing regulations regarding the movement of stock from England and Wales.

Copies communications addressed to Board of Agriculture and Local Authorities.

The Clerk stated that he had sent to the members of the Commitee for their information copies of communications (Appendices I. and II.) which he had, by the instructions of the Committee appointed at the Conference of Local Authorities held on 4th current, addressed to the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries and to the several County and City Local Authorities, and he also submitted a statement of the views expressed in regard to the two points referred to by Local Authorities from whom replies had been received.

Committee's attitude.

The meeting, after discussion, agreed that—

(1) As regards the proposed importation of store cattle from Ireland into Scotland, this should on no account be permitted until Ireland can show at least one month's clean bill of health; and

(2) As regards the movement of English stock, the Committee were prepared, in the event of there being no further fresh outbreaks within a period of one month from the date of the last outbreak, and providing there is anything approximating to general agreement amongst Local Authorities to modify their Regulations to the extent of permitting movement on (1) a certificate by a Veterinary Surgeon that the animals are free from disease, and (2) a declaration by the owner that the animals to be moved have been continuously for the past 14 days on the premises from which they are to be moved; that they have not been in contact with animals affected, or suspected of being affected, with foot-and-mouth disease; and that they have not been in contact with Irish stock, or with any animals which have been in contact with such stock.

Appointment of representatives.

The meeting agreed that the representatives appointed to attend the last Conference of Local Authorities should attend the Conference to be held on 1st proximo.

Applications for permission to remove cattle from other districts.

The Clerk having submitted an application by Mr. Robert Hamilton, Easterseat, Carluke, for permission to move sheep from Peeblesshire to the farm of Easterseat, the meeting agreed that, in view of the special circumstances of the case as explained by the Clerk, the request be granted.

An application was submitted by Messrs. Lawrie & Symington, Lanark, for permission to move 57 lambs from Knock Farm, Linlithgowshire, for the purpose of sale at Lanark Auction Market, on Tuesday, 29th current, but the meeting were agreed that, in the present circumstances, it would be inadvisable to accede to this request, and resolved accordingly.

Notifications under Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order of 1907.

The Clerk reported that, since the date of last meeting, 16 case had been notified under the Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order of 1907, and that of these two had been certified to be cases of anthrax, the particulars of these two cases being as follows :—

Two cases of Anthrax.

Bogton Farm, by Torrance (William Fleming).—The animal affected in this case was a three-year-old cow, which had been bred on the premises, and which died on 5th October. The feeding consisted of compound cake, bean meal, and grey peameal. The stock consisted of 49 cattle and 9 horses.

Bankhead Farm, Lesmahagow (Mrs. Harrison).—In this case the animal affected was a four-year-old milch cow, which had been bread on the farm, and which died on 16th October. The feeding consisted of compound cake and bruised oats. The stock consisted of 34 cattle, 50 sheep, and 3 horses.

The Clerk stated that in each of the above cases the diagnosis of the County Veterinary Inspector had been confirmed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries; that the carcases had in each case been conveyed to a knackery, and there destroyed; and that the usual precautionary measures had been taken by way of preventing the spread of the disease.

Withdrawal of restrictions.

The Clerk further stated that the restrictions had been withdrawn in each of the cases above referred to.

Glanders.

In connection with outbreaks of Glanders in the County previously reported, the Clerk stated that the restrictions which had been imposed on the following premises had been withdrawn, viz.:—

Caldermill, Nackerty, Bothwell (United Collieries, Ltd.)
Crown Hotel Stables, Wishaw (John Hunter).
Foxley Pit, Tollcross.

Swine Fever.

The Clerk stated that since the date of last meeting the following premises had been defined as Swine Fever infected places under the Swine Fever Orders, viz.:—

Westtown, Thankerton (John G. A. Johnstone),
Lochhills Farm, Plains (James Stevenson),

but that the Board had since withdrawn the restrictions in these cases, and also in the case of the premises at Black Bull Hotel, Stonehouse (Robert Burns), reported to last meeting.

Parasitic Mange.

There was submitted to the meeting a communication from Professor M'Call, Glasgow, relating to the carcase of a dark chestnut mare, belonging to Mr. John Spittal, Whifflet Farm, Coatbridge, which had been conveyed to Hodgkinson's Knackery, and there found to be affected with Parasitic Mange. The Clerk reported that the County Veterinary Inspector had examined the remaining animals on Mr. Spittal's premises, but had failed to find trace of the disease in any of them.

Foot-and-mouth Disease.—Suspected case.

The Clerk stated that there had been reported a suspected case of Foot-and-Mouth Disease amongst sheep belonging to Mr. James Tweedie, Loanhead Farm, Tarbrax, but that on examination the County Veterinary Inspector was satisfied that none of the sheep in question were suffering from that disease.

Swine Fever Order.—Contraventions.

The Clerk submitted police informations as to alleged contraventions of the Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement) Order in the following cases, viz.:—

(1) William Forrest, Lesmahagow; and
(2) William M'Rae, Carluke.

No proceedings to be taken.

The meeting, having heard a statement by the Clerk, agreed that the circumstances did not justify proceedings being taken in either case.

APPENDIX I.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COUNTY OFFICES,
HAMILTON, 18*th October*, 1912.

SIR,

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries are no doubt aware that the question of the admission of stock into Scotland from England, Wales, and Ireland has been the subject of discussion at recent Conferences of representatives of the Scotch Local Authorities, and I have been requested by a representative Committee appointed at the last Conference, who met yesterday, to make this communication to the Board, particularly in view of the suggestion now made that the Port of Glasgow should be included amongst the ports in Great Britain at which store cattle from Ireland may be landed subject to conditions similar to those imposed under the Animals (Landing from Ireland) Amendment Order of 1912 (No. 12).

At the Conferences of the Local Authorities, the last of which was held on 4th current, consideration was directed mainly to the question of the movement of stock from England and Wales, but the proposal now put forward to permit the landing of store cattle from Ireland at the Port of Glasgow has introduced a new element, and has created a situation which the Local Authorities have had no opportunity of jointly considering.

In these circumstances, the Committee referred to have asked me to say that, while they are not at present in a position to advise the Local Authorities as to any definite course of action, or to indicate to the Board what attitude the majority of them are likely to adopt, they have instructed me to communicate with every County Local Authority in Scotland, and also the Local Authorities of the Cities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Dundee, and Aberdeen, inviting the expression of their views as regards the expediency or otherwise of—

(1) permitting under the present circumstances the importation of Irish store cattle into Scotland; and
(2) revoking or modifying the existing regulations relating to the movement of stock from England and Wales.

I have asked that the views of the Local Authorities should be communicated to me not later than 26th current, and so soon as these have been collated, the information will be submitted to a further Conference of Local Authorities, which will probably be held on 1st proximo.

28th October, 1912.

In view of what I have said, I am to submit for the consideration of the Board the expediency of their delaying taking any final action in regard to the importation of Irish store cattle into Scotland until the views of the Local Authorities have been ascertained.

So soon as I am in a position to do so, I shall communicate to the Board the result of the Conference.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

The SECRETARY,
Board of Agriculture and Fisheries,
4 Whitehall Place,
London, S.W.

P.S.—I am sending under separate cover a copy of the communication which I am to-day addressing to the Local Authorities in Scotland.

T. M.

28th October, 1912.

APPENDIX II.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 18*th October*, 1912.

Dear Sir,

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

The Committee appointed at the Conference of Local Authorities, held at Edinburgh on 4th current, have had under consideration the remit made to them, but they feel that the proposal now put forward by the Board of Agriculture to permit the landing of Irish store cattle at the Port of Glasgow has imparted a new element into the question, and that each Local Authority should have an opportunity of considering the altered situation and expressing their views thereon.

The present position of matters may be summarised, as follows:—

I. As regards the importation of Irish stock into Great Britain, there are in operation Orders of the Board permitting—

(*a*) The landing at certain ports in Great Britain (including the Port of Glasgow) of fat stock for slaughter;

(*b*) The landing of store cattle shipped at the ports of Belfast, Cork, Dublin, Londonderry, and Waterford, at special landing places at Birkenhead, Manchester, Cardiff, Hull, and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Under the latter Order cattle so landed are required to be detained at the landing place until a period of not less than four days has elapsed from the time of sailing from Ireland, during which period they will be marked, examined, and kept under continuous supervision by Veterinary Inspectors of the Board. If all the cattle then in the landing place are certified to be free from Foot-and-mouth Disease, the cattle may be moved direct to the buyer's premises on the licence of an Inspector of the Board, if such movement is not contrary to the provisions of any Order of the Board or Regulation of a Local Authority controlling the movement of cattle into a district in Great Britain. Cattle so moved are required to be kept separate from other animals during transit, and on arrival they are required to be detained and kept under the supervision of a Veterinary Inspector of the Local Authority for a period of 21 days.

The proposal now under the consideration of the Board of Agriculture is, in short, to include the Port of Glasgow as a place at which Irish store cattle may be landed under conditions similar to those above mentioned.

II. With regard to the question of the admission into Scotland of stock from England and Wales, the present position of matters, so far as ascertained, is that, with the exception of the City of Edinburgh and the County of Linlithgow, the movement of such stock is entirely prohibited.

To the Clerk
of the Local Authority
of the County of. .....

28th October, 1912.

I am accordingly to invite an expression of the views of your Local Authority on the expediency or otherwise of—

(1) permitting, under the conditions above set forth, the importation of Irish store cattle into Scotland, and

(2) revoking or modifying the existing Regulations relating to the movement of stock from England and Wales.

By the direction of the Committee, I have addressed a communication to the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, suggesting the expediency of the Board delaying taking final action in the matter of permitting the landing of store cattle at any port in Scotland until the views of the Scotch Local Authorities have been ascertained, but, as the question is an urgent one, it is most desirable that the views of the Local Authorities should be made known to the Board with the least possible delay.

The Committee accordingly propose that a further conference of Local Authorities should be held on an early date, and meantime I am to request that you will be good enough to take immediate steps to ascertain the views of your Local Authority on the two points referred to, and to communicate them to me not later than 26th current, in order that the information may be collated and submitted to the Conference, which will probably take place in Edinburgh, on Friday, 1st November.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

P.S.—I have no official information as to the present state of matters in Ireland, but the following is a copy of a telegram, dated 15th curt., which I received from the Board of Agriculture in reply to one from me, viz. :—

"One fresh outbreak foot-and-mouth disease in England since "beginning of month, confirmed on 8th inst., at New Bingfield, "near Corbridge, Northumberland. None in Wales."

T. M.

13th November, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 13th November, 1912, being an emergency meeting of the Executve Committee of the County Council of Lanark as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, held immediately after a special meeting of the County Council on the same day.

Present—

J. P. Baird
William Barr.
James Cameron.
Thomas G. Cowan.
Charles A. Easson.
Samuel Forrest.
Alex. Hamilton.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
John M. Loudon.
William Love.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
Andrew Murdoch.
William Neilson.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
Colonel King Stewart.

Chairman. Mr. Templeton, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Foot and Mouth Disease Order, 1895.—Proposed modification of Regulations.—Animals intended for immediate slaughter.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider applications which had been received from stock owners for permission to move into the County sheep intended for immediate slaughter from districts of other Local Authorities into which English and Irish cattle were now permitted to be moved.

Regulations modified.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed to modify the existing Regulations of the Local Authority to the extent of permitting movement into the County of cattle (including sheep, goats, and swine) intended for immediate slaughter from the district of any other Local Authority in Scotland, provided that—

(1) they are moved direct to a slaughter-house, and there detained until slaughtered—the slaughter to take place within three days;

(2) they are not English or Irish cattle, nor have within twenty-eight days prior to date of movement been in contact with such cattle; and

(3) they are accompanied by a declaration on a form to be obtained from the County Clerk.

The Clerk was instructed to give public intimation of the modification of the Regulations.

20th November, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 20th November, 1912, being a Meeting of the Executive Committee as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the County of Lanark.

Present—

J. P. Baird.
William Barr.
James Cameron.
Thomas G. Cowan.
Samuel Forrest.
Alexander Hamilton.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
William Love.
William Neilson.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
William Templeton.

Attending—

Captain Despard, Chief Constable of the County.
Hugh Begg, F.R.C.V.S., County Veterinary Inspector.

Chairman. Mr. Templeton, chairman of the committee, presiding.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, of date 28th October, and also of an emergency meeting held on 13th current, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk submitted and read a letter which he had received from Mr. David K. Michie, a member of the committee, who was unable to attend the present meeting on account of a business engagement previously made, expressing his disapproval of the manner in which the emergency meeting, held on 13th current, had been convened. *Letter from Mr. David K. Michie.*

The Clerk reported that the further Conference of Local Authorities on the question of the importation of store cattle from Ireland and regulation of movement of stock from England and Wales into Scotland took place at Edinburgh on 1st current, when there attended, on behalf of this Local Authority, in addition to the Chairman and himself, Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., Mr. D. K. Michie, Provost Forrest, Mr. J. P. Baird, along with Mr. Begg, County Veterinary Inspector, but he stated that after considerable discussion the Conference terminated without any general agreement being come to. *Foot-and-mouth disease. — Further abortive conference at Edinburgh.*

The Clerk reported the change of attitude of several of the Local Authorities represented at the Conference since the date of the Conference. *Attitude of local authorities.*

The meeting, having further discussed the whole situation, and having considered representations from stock owners and others in favour of a relaxation of the existing Regulations, revoked the existing Regulations, and made Regulations in lieu thereof, a copy of which forms an appendix to this minute. *Revocation of existing regulations.— New regulations substituted.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting several applications which he had received for permission to move cattle from other districts in Scotland into Lanarkshire, but he stated that in view of the regulations now made by the Committee it would be unnecessary to consider these. *Applications for permits to move cattle into county.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting police information against Gavin Mason, Dungeonhill Farm, Easterhouse, for an alleged contravention of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Regulations, but the meeting, having been informed of the circumstances, did not consider it necessary to take further action in the matter. *Foot-and-mouth Disease Regulations — Alleged contravention.*

The Clerk reported that since the date of last meeting 18 cases had been notified under the Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order of 1907, but that of these none had been certified to be Anthrax. *Notifications under Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order of 1907.*

The Clerk stated that since the date of last meeting the following premises had been defined as swine fever infected places under the Swine Fever Orders, viz. :— *Swine fever.—Outbreaks.*

1. Sidehead Farm, Stonehouse (Mrs. Helen Wilson),
2. 61 Dale Street, Glasgow (James Haeny),
3. Kirkstyle, Glenmavis (Jack Bros.),
4. Shanks Toll, Millerston (James Campbell),
5. Alton Heights Cottages, Lesmahagow (James M'Lauchlan),

but that the Board had since withdrawn the restrictions in cases Nos. 1 and 3.

The Clerk submitted police informations as to alleged contraventions of the Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement) Order, in the following cases, viz. :— *Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement) Order.—Contraventions.*

(1) Thomas Moffat, farmer, Darngavil, and
(2) Matthew Findlay, farmer, Lawriesmuir, Lesmahagow.

The meeting having heard a statement by the Clerk, agreed that the circumstances did not justify proceedings being taken in either case. *No proceedings to be instituted.*

The Clerk stated that, on 29th ultimo, a case of parasitic mange had been reported at Crumlet Farm, Coatbridge, the animal in question being an aged dark brown Clydesdale gelding, which had been bought by private bargain from Mr. John Barrie, Contractor, 53 Possil Road, Glasgow. Mr. Barrie had bought the horse at Perth Auction Mart on 21st October. There are other two animals on the premises. *Parasitic mange.*

Withdrawal of restrictions.

The Clerk stated that the usual instructions had been given to the owner as to treatment, and precautionary measures taken to prevent the spread of the disease, and that the restrictions had since been withdrawn.

Sheep Dipping (Scotland and North of England) Order, 1907.—Contraventions.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting informations which he had received from the police as to alleged contraventions committed by the following persons against the Sheep Dipping (Scotland and North of England) Order of 1907, viz. :—

(1) William Muirhead, Liberton Mains Farm, Liberton (failing to dip sheep).
(2) John Muirhead, Millridge Farm, Liberton (failing to dip sheep and making false declaration).
(3) Robert Ferguson, Main Street, Carnwath (failing to dip sheep).
(4) Thomas Storry, Fortissat Farm, Dykehead (failing to inform police three clear days before intended time of dipping).

Proceedings to be taken against John Muirhead.

The Clerk having explained the circumstances in each of the above cases, the meeting instructed him to send the information in the case of John Muirhead to the Procurator-Fiscal, with a view to proceedings being taken, and that no action be taken in the other cases.

Appointment of Inspector under Diseases of Animals Acts for Strathaven District.

The meeting appointed Sergeant M'Murdo, in room of Sergeant Howie, to be an Inspector of the Local Authority for Strathaven District under the Diseases of Animals Acts, so far as regards the administration of the Swine Fever Orders.

APPENDIX.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

REGULATIONS MADE BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY UNDER THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1894 TO 1911.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Executive Committee of the County Council of the County of Lanark, as the Local Authority for said County under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1911, have, in virtue of the powers conferred upon them under the said Acts and the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order of 1895, made the following Regulations, viz. :—

(1) The movement into the County of Lanark of animals landed in Great Britain from Ireland since the 1st day of November, 1912, or animals which have been in contact with any such animals landed in Great Britain as aforesaid, is prohibited.

(2) Subject to the foregoing Regulation, animals may be moved into the County of Lanark from the district of any other Local Authority in Scotland, or from the district of any Local Authority in England or Wales, provided that in the case of movement from England or Wales the animals are accompanied by a declaration on a form to be obtained from the subscriber.

(3) In these Regulations the expression "animals" means cattle, sheep, goats, and all other ruminating animals, and swine.

(4) The Regulations made by the Local Authority on 25th September, 1912, and on 14th November, 1912, are hereby revoked.

Dated at Hamilton, this Twentieth Day of November, 1912.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

N.B.—If any animal is moved in contravention of the above Regulations, the owner of the animal and the person for the time being in charge thereof, and the person causing, directing, or permitting the movement, and the person moving or conveying the animal, and the consignee or other person receiving or keeping it, knowing it to have been moved in contravention as aforesaid, and the occupier of the place from which the animal is moved, shall each, according to and in respect of his own acts and defaults, be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 23rd October, 1912, being a meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council of Lanark. — 23rd October, 1912.

Present—

Colonel Buchanan.
Alexander Hamilton.
John Loudon.
James T. Macdonald.
Hugh Maclean.
William Neilson.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
James Tonner.

Colonel Buchanan, chairman of the committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 25th September, which had been submitted to and approved by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk reported the proceedings of a meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Shops Act held that day, as the same are contained in the minutes of that meeting, which form Appendix I. to this minute. — *Shops Act, 1912. — Proceedings at meeting of sub-committee.*

The meeting approved of the recommendations of the sub-committee, and made an Order relating to the closing of shops in the Middle Ward District of the County. A copy of the Order as made forms Appendix II. to this minute. — *Sub-committee's recommendations approved.*

The meeting also made an Order exempting saddlers' shops from the provisions of the Act with respect to closing on a weekly half-holiday. A copy of the Order as made forms Appendix III. to this Minute. — *Saddlers' Exemption Order.*

The meeting instructed the Clerk to make the necessary advertisement of the Orders as required by the Act and Regulations made by the Secretary for Scotland thereunder, and to take such further steps in connection therewith as he may consider advisable. — *Advertisement of Orders.*

The Clerk reported that he had received an application from Mr. George Green, of the Carnival, Glasgow, for the transfer of the licence under the Cinematograph Act. 1909, relating to the hall at the Crown Hotel, Strathaven, and that as Mr. Green wished to commence his entertainments as soon as possible and had effected some small improvements on the hall, and the police and the former licensee (Mr. G. A. D. Warren) had no objections to offer, he (the Clerk) had on 2nd October, 1912, transferred the licence accordingly. The meeting approved. — *CINEMATOGRAPH ACT, 1909. Transfer of Licence of Hall at Crown Hotel, Strathaven.*

23rd October, 1912.

Transfer of Licence of Dixon's Hall, Blantyre.

There was submitted to the meeting an application by Mr. John Cassels, writer Hamilton, on behalf of Mr. Peter Wyper, musicseller, Cadzow Street, Hamilton, for the transfer of the licence relating to the Excelsior Picture House, Blantyre, (formerly known as Dixon's Hall), along with a letter from Messrs. Dixon's, Ltd., stating that the hall had been let to Mr. Wyper from month to month. He also submitted a report by the police that they had no objections to the proposed transfer.

The Clerk reported that in the circumstances, and as Mr. Wyper wished to start immediately, he had granted an *interim* licence for one week to 26th current.

The meeting approved, and agreed to transfer the licence to Mr. Wyper for the unexpired period, *i.e.*, till 22nd May, 1913, on the understanding that the question of the expediency of granting a licence for this hall should then be reconsidered.

Transfer of licence of Co-operative Hall, Cleland.

The Clerk submitted an application by Mr. Thomas Ellis, 3 Glaisnock Place, Dykehead, Shotts, for the transfer of the licence formerly held by Mr. M. Burns in respect of the Co-operative Hall, Cleland, and reported that on communicating with the proprietors it had been ascertained that the hall had now been let to Mr. Ellis. The Police having intimated that they had no objections, the meeting agreed to transfer the licence accordingly.

Moveable structures.—Licences renewed.

The Clerk reported that no complaints having been received during the past year, he had renewed for one year the licences for the moveable structures belonging to (1) Mr. George Pinder, and (2) Mr. William Ord Pinder.

Renewal of licences.

Satisfactory reports having been submitted from the Police, the meeting agreed to renew the following licences for one year, viz. :—

(1) John Coates, for hall at Bothwell Haugh;

(2) Shettleston Premier Picture Theatre Company, for premises in Main Street, Shettleston; and

(3) D. M'Connochie, for Public Hall, Longriggend.

The Clerk was instructed to advise the Town Clerk, Glasgow, with regard to the licensing of the Premier Picture Theatre, Shettleston.

Applications for new licences.

The Clerk submitted the following applications for new licences, together with relative reports by the Engineer, viz. :—

(1) Michael Burns, for Victoria Hall, Forth.

After consideration the meeting instructed the Clerk to issue a licence for this hall, provided the following alterations were carried out to the satisfaction of the Engineer, viz. :—

(*a*) All the doors which at present open inwards to be altered so as to open outwards;

(*b*) The enclosure containing the apparatus to be placed in a position satisfactory to the Engineer; and

(*c*) For a distance of at least three feet round the aperture in the wooden partition, a lining of asbestos or other fireproof material to be provided.

(2) Robert Gilmour, Burnbank, for new Cinema House at Westburn, Newton.

The plans of this theatre having been submitted, and the Clerk having reported that they had been passed by the Middle Ward District Committee, and that it was anticipated that the premises would be completed shortly, the meeting agreed to issue a licence provided a satisfactory report was received from the Engineer after the completion of the building.

(3) A. Oliver Walker, Writer, Glasgow, for Boy Scouts' Hall, Burnside.

The meeting, after discussion, remitted to the Chairman and Mr. Macdonald, along with the Engineer, to inspect this hall, and, if so agreed, to authorise the granting of a licence.

Plans of new theatre at Mossend.

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from Mr. J. M'Burnie, writer, Bellshill, enclosing plans of a new Picture and Variety Theatre proposed to be erected at the junction of Main Street and Calder Road, Mossend.

After explanations by the Engineer, and the Clerk having reported that the plans had been passed by the Middle Ward District Committee, the meeting instructed the Clerk to issue a licence on receiving a satisfactory report from the Engineer after the completion of the building.

Intimations received of entertainments.

There were submitted to the meeting the intimations which had been received from the following persons, viz. :—

(1) W. Wilmot, of entertainments in moveable structure at Larkhall, on 10th October.

The Clerk reported that he had notified Mr. Wilmot, who is licensed by the Corporation of Glasgow, that no exhibitions or other performances shall be given in the premises on Sundays, and that the police had been instructed to see that this condition was strictly complied with.

(2) Peter Swallow, of entertainment in his moveable structure (licensed by this County Council), at Lesmahagow, on 15th October.

(3) Frederick Harvey, on behalf of Officers' Mess Committee of Barlinnie Prison, of entertainment in the Recreation Hall of the Prison, on 16th October.

The Clerk reported that permission in the last mentioned case had been given on the usual conditions.

APPENDIX I.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON SHOPS ACT, 1912.

23rd October, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 23rd October, 1912, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council of Lanark appointed with reference to the Shops Act, 1912.

Present—

Colonel Buchanan.
Alexander Hamilton.
William Neilson.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.

Chairman. Colonel Buchanan, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the sub-committee, of date 13th September, 1912, which had been approved by the General Purposes Committee, were laid before the meeting and signed.

Weekly Half-holiday Order.—Result of plebiscite. With reference to the closing of shops on the weekly half-holiday in the—

(I.) Middle Ward District,
(II.) Parish of Carluke,
(III.) Parish of Lesmahagow,

the Clerk submitted a statement showing the result of the plebiscite taken in each of these areas, which was as follows :—

I.—MIDDLE WARD.

The number of voting papers sent out was 1,179, and of these 900 were returned, 698 being favourable to the proposed Order and 202 against.

An analysis of the voting shows that if the whole Middle Ward District is taken as a unit there is a majority in each of the following trades or businesses, viz. :—

(1) Barber and Hairdresser,
(2) Boot and Shoe Maker and Merchant,
(3) Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer,
(4) Draper,
(5) Dressmaker,
(6) Furniture Dealer,
(7) General Dealer,
(8) Grocer and Provision Merchant,
(9) Hardware Merchant,
(10) Hosier,
(11) Ironmonger,
(12) Milliner,
(13) Painter and Decorator,
(14) Pawnbrokers' Salerooms,
(15) Sewing Machine Agent,
(16) Tailor and Clothier,
(17) Tinsmith,

representing in all 1,068 shops.

The following are the trades and businesses in which the required majority has *not* been obtained, viz. :—

(1) Broker,
(2) China and Delf Merchant,
(3) Coal Merchant,
(4) Cooper,
(5) Fancy Goods and Toy Dealer,
(6) Haberdashery,
(7) Hatter,
(8) Watchmaker and Jeweller,
(9) Oil Merchant,
(10) Photographer,
(11) Plumber,

representing in all 111 shops.

II.—PARISH OF CARLUKE.

Out of 13 trades or businesses a majority has voted in favour of the Order in the following cases, viz. :—

(1) Barber and Hairdresser,
(2) Draper,
(3) Fancy Goods and Toy Dealer,
(4) Grocer and Provision Merchant,
(5) Hardware Merchant,
(6) Painter and Decorator,

representing in all 40 shops.

The trades in which a majority has *not* been obtained are the following, viz. :—

(1) Boot and Shoe Maker and Merchant,
(2) Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer,
(3) Ironmonger,
(4) Watchmaker and Jeweller,
(5) Milliner,
(6) Plumber,
(7) Tailor and Clothier,

representing in all 27 shops.

III.—PARISH OF LESMAHAGOW.

Out of 16 different classes of shops there is a majority in the following cases, viz. :—

(1) Barber and Hairdresser,
(2) Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer,
(3) Draper,
(4) Dressmaker,
(5) Watchmaker and Jeweller,
(6) Plumber,
(7) Tailor and Clothier,
(8) Tea Merchant,

representing in all 25 shops.

The trades in which a majority has *not* been obtained are the following, viz. :—

(1) Boot and Shoe Maker and Merchant,
(2) China and Delf Merchant,
(3) Fancy Goods and Toy Dealer,
(4) Grocer and Provision Merchant,
(5) Hosier,
(6) Ironmonger,
(7) Milliner,
(8) Painter and Decorator.

representing in all 64 shops.

Application of Weekly Half-holiday Order.

With regard to the proposed Weekly Half-holiday Order for the Middle Ward District, the Clerk also informed the meeting of the result of the vote taking each parish separately, but the meeting agreed that the Order should apply to the whole of the Middle Ward District as one area.

Representation by shopkeepers in Carnbroe and Brewsterford District with reference to day of weekly half-holiday.

The Clerk at the same time submitted a request by the shopkeepers in the Carnbroe and Brewsterford District that Tuesday should be substituted for Wednesday as the day of the weekly half-holiday so far as applying to that particular area, and he stated the reasons given for the request being made.

Day fixed to be adhered to.

The committee, however, deemed it advisable that the day selected for the weekly half-holiday should be the same throughout the whole of the Middle Ward, and considered it inexpedient to make an exception.

Proposed Half-holiday Order for Parish of Carluke.—Clerk instructed to communicate result of plebiscite to Merchants' Association.

With regard to the proposed Order for the Parish of Carluke, the meeting agreed that the result of the plebiscite would justify the making of an Order, but that before any Order was made the Merchants' Association be communicated with to ascertain whether, having regard to the result of the vote, they thought an Order desirable.

Parish of Lesmahagow. — No order proposed to be made.

As regards the proposed Order for the Parish of Lesmahagow, the meeting considered the result of the voting did not justify the making of an Order, and it was agreed to recommend that an Order be not made, and that the Merchants' Association be informed of the result of the voting.

Saddlers' exemption from Weekly Half-holiday Order.

With reference to the proposed Order exempting all shops in the County in which the business or trade of saddler was carried on, the Clerk stated that he had prepared a list of the names and addresses of the occupiers of such shops in the County, and had invited an expression of opinion, with the result that out of 17 shops included in the list, the occupiers to the number of 16 had replied, 15 of them being in favour of the Order and 1 against.

Order authorised by committee.

The meeting accordingly resolved to recommend that an Order exempting saddlers' shops within the County should be made in terms of the Act.

Proposed Closing Orders.

The meeting authorised the Clerk to take the necessary steps with a view to giving effect to the requests made by shopkeepers in Cambuslang and other districts with respect to General Closing Orders.

APPENDIX II.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

SHOPS ACT, 1912.

ORDER UNDER SECTION 4 (2) FIXING THE DAY OF THE WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY FOR THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF SHOPS HEREINAFTER MENTIONED WITHIN THE MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY.

The County Council of the County of Lanark, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Shops Act, 1912, and after due compliance with its provisions, do hereby make an Order, as follows:—

This Order, which may be cited as the Middle Ward Weekly Half-Holiday Order, applies to all shops in the Middle Ward District of the County in which are carried on the retail trades or businesses aftermentioned, viz.:—

Name of Trade.	Day of Weekly Half-Holiday.
Barber and Hairdresser. Boot and Shoemaker and Merchant. Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer. Draper. Dressmaker. Furniture Dealer. General Dealer. Grocer and Provision Merchant. Hardware Merchant. Hosier. Ironmonger. Milliner. Painter and Decorator. Pawnbrokers' Salerooms. Sewing Machine Agent. Tailor and Clothier. Tinsmith.	WEDNESDAY (at 1 o'clock p.m.) or (at the option of Shopkeeper) SATURDAY.

This Order shall take effect as from and after 1st November, 1912.

Signed, for and by the authority of the said County Council, by me, this twenty-third day of October, in the year Nineteen hundred and twelve.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

NOTE.—It is provided by Section 4 (5) of the Act that if a shop is closed throughout the whole of a public holiday and the public holiday does not fall on the day fixed for the weekly half-holiday the shopkeeper may keep his shop open *either* on the half-holiday before, *or* on the half-holiday after, the public holiday.

APPENDIX III.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

SHOPS ACT, 1912.

ORDER UNDER SECTION 4 (4) EXEMPTING SADDLERS' SHOPS FROM THE OBLIGATION TO CLOSE FOR THE WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY.

The County Council of the County of Lanark, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Shops Act, 1912, and after due compliance with its provisions, do hereby make an Order, as follows:—

(1) This Order, which may be cited as the Saddlers' Exemption from Weekly Half-Holiday Order, applies to all shops in the County of Lanark in which the retail trade or business of SADDLER is carried on.

(2) All shops to which this Order applies are hereby exempted from the provisions of Section 4 of the Act in regard to closing for the weekly half-holiday.

This Order shall take effect as from and after 1st November, 1912.

Signed, for and by the authority of the said County Council, by me, this twenty-third day of October, in the year Nineteen hundred and twelve.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE *RE* SHOPS ACT, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 13th November, 1912, being a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council of Lanark, appointed with reference to the Shops Act, 1912. — 13th November, 1912.

Present—

Colonel Buchanan. | William Neilson.

There were also attending—

Thomas Arnot, | James Tonner,

members of the General Purposes Committee.

Colonel Buchanan, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the sub-committee, of date 23rd October, were laid before the meeting and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting Draft Notice of intention to make a Closing Order (Appendix) for certain classes of shops within the Parish of Cambuslang, and the meeting, having approved of same, instructed him to give the necessary publication thereof. — *Cambuslang Closing Order.*

The meeting having also further considered the representation made on behalf of the Baillieston Merchants' Association for a Closing Order, instructed the Clerk to prepare a Notice of intention to make an Order to be applicable within the Baillieston Lighting District, giving effect to the wishes of that Association, and to make the necessary publication thereof. — *Proposed Closing Order for Baillieston.—Steps to be taken.*

The meeting, after consideration, agreed to recommend to the General Purposes Committee that steps be taken with a view to making a Weekly Half-Holiday Order applicable to the Lower Ward District of the County, fixing Tuesday as the half-holiday. — *Weekly Half-Holiday Order for Lower Ward District.*

13th November, 1912.

Letter from Mr. John English, Chapelhall, seeking exemption from Weekly Half-Holiday Order.

The Clerk submitted a letter from Mr. John English, barber and hairdresser, Main Street, Chapelhall, of date 12th current, requesting exemption from the provisions of the Weekly Half-Holiday Order, and stating the circumstances of his case.

Request refused.

The meeting, while appreciating the reasons stated by the applicant, regretted their inability to accede to his request.

Further representation by shopkeepers in Carnbroe and Brewsterford District regarding day of weekly half-holiday.

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting, the Clerk submitted the following communication, signed by shopkeepers in the Carnbroe and Brewsterford District:—

"Carnbroe,
"4th November, 1912.

"DEAR SIR,

"SHOPS ACT, 1912.

"Your communication of 26th October duly received, in which you state that, after careful consideration, the Committee of the County Council had fixed on Wednesday as the weekly half-holiday for Carnbroe and Brewsterford district.

"Surely they have not wisely considered the fact that the pay-day in both places is on a Wednesday, and has been for the last twenty years, and if we are compelled to close on Wednesday afternoon it will be a ruinous arrangement for us shopkeepers. If we cannot get a settlement with our customers on pay-day the probability is that their money will be squandered elsewhere to the serious loss and ultimate ruin of ourselves. It is the exceptional pay-day that urges us again to appeal to the committee for a Tuesday half-holiday, otherwise we would have agreed to their recommendation at once.

"Humbly praying that our appeal may be favourably entertained.

"We are,

"Yours truly,

"ROBERT WATSON, P.O., Carnbroe. J. WARREN, Newsagent.
"THOS. CROSS, Grocer, " B. S. SIMONEIT.
"ANDREW CAMPBELL, Store, " PETER CONNOR."

Thereafter representatives of the shopkeepers were introduced, along with Mr. J. Dunn Russell, Solicitor, Airdrie, who made a statement to the Committee on their behalf, in support of the prayer of the petition.

Sub-committee's previous decision rescinded.

The meeting, after consideration, and in view of the exceptional circumstances of the case, agreed to recommend the General Purposes Committee to make a Special Order fixing Tuesday as the day of the weekly half-holiday within the particular district referred to.

APPENDIX.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

SHOPS ACT, 1912.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A CLOSING ORDER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council of the County of Lanark propose to make a Closing Order for the several classes of shops aftermentioned within the Parish of Cambuslang fixing the hours at which such shops shall be closed, as follows:—

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 8 o'clock p.m.; and on Saturday at 10 o'clock p.m., as regards the trades of—

1. Baker.
2. Bookseller and Stationer.
3. Boot and Shoe Maker and Merchant.
4. Draper and Clothier (including Hatter and Hosier).
5. Grocer and Provision Merchant.
6. Hardware Merchant (including Ironmonger).
7. General Dealer (including Pawnbrokers' Salerooms).

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 7 o'clock p.m.; on Friday, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.; and on Saturday, at 10 o'clock p.m., as regards the trade of—

BUTCHER.

The fixing of the hours aforesaid, in addition to being subject to the provisions and exceptions specifically contained in the said Act, shall be subject to the following exceptions, viz.:—

The hour of closing shall be 10 o'clock p.m.—

1. On the evening of the day preceding any public holiday, or any day that may be fixed by the Local Merchants' Association as a holiday;
2. On the evening of each day of the week ending Glasgow Fair Saturday; and
3. On the evening of each lawful day of the last fortnight of each year.

The provisions of the Order will be without prejudice to the provisions of the Weekly Half-Holiday Order presently in operation in the Middle Ward District of the County.

Any person wishing to make objection to the Order, or suggestions as to the provisions of the Order, should address a statement, in writing, to me at the County Offices, Hamilton, before 17th December, 1912.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the occupier of any shop to be affected by the Order may, on presenting himself at the County Offices, Hamilton, or at the Police Station, Cambuslang, or at the Police Station, Hallside, on any day before the aforesaid date, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 12 o'clock noon, on Saturdays, and between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on the other lawful days of the week, verify that his name, address, and trade are duly entered in the Register of Shops.

Dated this Fourteenth day of November, 1912.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON FIRE BRIGADES.

23rd October, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 23rd October, 1912, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Committee of the County Council on Fire Brigades appointed with reference to the proposed rearrangement of the Brigade consequent upon the inclusion of Shettleston and Tollcross within the City of Glasgow.

Present—

J. Raeside Auld. | James H. Fenton.
William Davie. | George Fraser.
William Neilson.

Attending—

Captain Despard, Chief Constable of the County.

Chairman.

Mr. Fraser, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding.

There was also present Mr. William Speirs, chairman of the District Committee of the Lower Ward.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Remit to sub-committee.

The Clerk laid before the meeting the remit to the sub-committee, as contained in the minutes of the Fire Brigades Committee, of date 25th September, which was in the following terms, viz. :—

"With reference to the proposed rearrangement of the brigades consequent upon the inclusion of Shettleston and Tollcross within the City of Glasgow, the meeting appointed the following sub-committee to consider the matter and to report, viz. :—

J. Raeside Auld. | George Fraser.
William Davie. | William Neilson.
James H. Fenton. | Colonel King Stewart.

Mr. George Fraser to be chairman of the committee, and two a quorum."

Firemaster's report.

There having been submitted the report of the Firemaster, which had been submitted to the meeting of the Fire Brigades Committee on 25th September last, suggesting three alternative schemes for the rearrangement of the Fire Brigade, the meeting proceeded to consider the matter.

Proposed new Police and Fire Stations at Bishopbriggs.

The Clerk informed the meeting that, at a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Joint-Committee that day, it had been agreed to negotiate for a site at Bishopbriggs suitable for a new Police Station and, if so desired, a Fire Brigade Station; and also to make enquiries in the district of Baillieston for suitable ground for the erection of a new Police Station there, which also, if so required, would provide accommodation for Fire Brigade purposes.

Removal of fire tender at Shettleston to Cambuslang.

The meeting, after discussion, agreed that the fire engine presently stationed at Shettleston should be removed to Cambuslang, and that so soon as the buildings at Bishopbriggs were completed the fire tender at Cambuslang should be removed to the station there.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 23rd October, 1912, being a Meeting of the Weights and Measures Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 23rd October, 1912

Present—

William Barr.
W. W. Chapman.
Thomas G. Cowan.
William Davie.
Joseph Halley.
Alexander Hamilton.
William Love.
William Sym.
James Tonner.

Attending—

Edmund Donald, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Mr. Tonner, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 25th September, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting the reports of the Inspectors for the month of September (Appendix), a summary of which had been sent to each member of the committee. *Inspectors' reports.*

The Clerk submitted a note of the salaries of the Inspectors and of the wages of the Inspectors' Assistants, payment of which was authorised by the committee, subject to being passed by the Finance Committee, viz. :— *Inspectors' salaries, &c.*

Inspectors' Salaries to 15th November.		
Chief Inspector, ...	£17 10 0	
Inspector Chrystal, ...	12 10 0	
Inspector Mitchell, ...	12 10 0	
Inspector Paterson, ...	11 5 0	
		£53 15 0
Inspectors' Assistants' Wages to 12th October.		
Chief Inspector, ...	£6 8 0	
Inspector Chrystal, ...	6 8 0	
Inspector Mitchell, ...	5 4 0	
Inspector Paterson, ...	5 10 0	
		23 10 0
		£77 5 0

Inspectors' expenses, &c.

The meeting also passed for payment the following sums in respect of Inspectors expenses, &c., viz. :—

Inspectors' Expenses to 15th October.

Chief Inspector,	£4	3	3
Inspector Chrystal,	4	5	8
Inspector Mitchell,	1	10	0
Inspector Paterson,	3	15	8
	£13	14	7

OFFICE RENTS.

William Benzie, Partick,	£9	0	0
John K. Murray, Motherwell,	7	10	0
Robert Wardrope, Wishaw,	11	0	0
Mrs Brown, Airdrie,	8	0	0

ACCOUNT.

Gilchrist Bros., Wishaw—Carting standard weights and measures,	£2	14	0

Glasgow Boundaries Act, 1912.—Position of Chief Inspector and his assistant.

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting the Clerk stated that he had had a meeting with the Town-Clerk of Glasgow in regard to the position of the Chief Inspector and his assistant, consequent upon the recent extension of the city, and that he hoped to be in a position at the next meeting of the committee to report definitely in the matter.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTORS' REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1912.

VERIFICATION WORK.

DISTRICT.	Number of Weights, &c., Submitted.	CORRECT.			STAMPED.			ADJUSTED.		REJECTED.		
		Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 1, ...	794	190	—	4	503	1	87	500	—	5	—	4
„ 2, ...	1,588	178	86	18	1,127	1	154	1,062	1	9	5	10
„ 3, ...	1,687	73	15	10	1,499	37	35	1,499	2	10	2	6
„ 4, ...	698	21	11	4	610	16	24	610	15	8	1	3

OUTDOOR INSPECTION.

DISTRICT.	Number of Visits.	Number of Weights, &c., Examined.	CORRECT.			INCORRECT.		
			Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 2, ...	92	1,207	688	250	142	100	9	18
No. 4, ...	253	4,169	2,722	946	467	3	5	26

FEES.

DISTRICT.	Stamping.	Adjusting.	Total.
No. 1, ...	£9 5 9½	£3 18 11	£13 4 8½
„ 2, ...	11 7 1½	7 17 1	19 4 2½
„ 3, ...	7 3 0½	11 10 9	18 13 9½
„ 4, ...	6 11 0½	5 1 9½	11 12 10
	£34 7 0	£28 8 6½	£62 15 6½

Cases pending at date of last Report have been disposed of, as follows:—

William Bell, ...	Short measure in whisky, ...		Fined 15s.
William Bell, ...	do.	do., ...	Fined 15s.
Alexander M'Laughlin,	do.	do., ...	Fined 20s.
Alexander Goodwin,	do.	do., ...	Fined 20s.
John Campbell, ...	do.	do., ...	Fined 20s.
James Kelly, ...	do.	do., ...	Not proven.
John Reid, ...	do.	do., ...	Admonished.
Robert Jackson, ...	Unjust scale. ...	... ...	Admonished
Anthony M'Gettigan,	do., ...	... ...	Withdrawn.

27th November, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 27th November, 1912, being a Meeting of the Weights and Measures Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

THOMAS G. COWAN.
ALEXANDER HAMILTON.
ROBERT LAMBIE.
WILLIAM LOVE.
ANDREW MURDOCH.
JAMES PRENTICE.
WILLIAM SYM.
WILLIAM TEMPLETON.
JAMES TONNER.

Attending—

EDMUND DONALD, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Chairman. Mr. Tonner, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 23rd October, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Inspectors' reports. The Clerk laid before the meeting the reports of the Inspectors for the month of October (Appendix), a summary of which had been sent to each member of the committee.

Inspectors' salaries, &c. The Clerk submitted a note of the salaries of the Inspectors and of the wages of the Inspectors' Assistants, payment of which was authorised by the committee, subject to being passed by the Finance Committee, viz. :—

INSPECTORS' SALARIES TO 15TH DECEMBER.

Chief Inspector, ...	£17	10	0
Inspector Chrystal, ...	12	10	0
Inspector Mitchell, ...	12	10	0
Inspector Paterson, ...	11	13	4
		£54	3 4

INSPECTORS' ASSISTANTS' WAGES TO 12TH NOVEMBER.

Chief Inspector, ...	£6	8	0
Inspector Chrystal, ...	6	8	0
Inspector Mitchell, ...	5	4	0
Inspector Paterson, ...	5	12	0
		23	12 0
		£77	15 4

Inspectors' expenses, &c. The meeting also passed for payment the following sums in respect of Inspectors' expenses, &c., viz. :—

Inspectors' Expenses to 15th November.

Chief Inspector, ...	£4	3	2
Inspector Chrystal, ...	3	8	10
Inspector Mitchell, ...	3	15	0
Inspector Paterson, ...	2	14	10
	£14	1	10

ACCOUNTS.

James Donaldson, Motherwell, ...	£9	15	0
Gilchrist Brothers, Wishaw, ...	0	18	0
Robert Haddow, Lanark, ...	4	15	0
Edward Laurie, Airdrie, ...	10	19	0
	£26	7	0

"Record of Standards" Book.—Communication from Board of Trade.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a communication, of date 11th instant, which he had received from the Board of Trade, calling attention to the fact that the "Record of Standards" Book in use by Inspectors of Weights and Measures is sometimes imperfectly kept, and transmitting particulars as to the data which the "Record of Standards" Book should contain.

The meeting instructed the Clerk to send a copy of the communication to the several Inspectors of Weights and Measures with a view to the requirements of the Board being complied with.

Application by Mr. Joseph Paterson for increase of salary.

There was submitted to the meeting an application by Mr. Joseph Paterson, Inspector of Weights and Measures for No. 4 District, for an increase of salary.

After consideration, it was agreed to increase Mr. Paterson's salary from £135 to £140 per annum, the increase to take effect as from 15th current.

Glasgow Boundaries Act, 1912.—Position of Mr. Donald and his assistant.

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting, the Clerk stated that the Corporation of Glasgow had taken over Mr. Donald's assistant, at his present wage of 32s. per week, but that they regretted they could not see their way to take over Mr. Donald.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed to recommend the County Council to retain Mr. Donald as Chief Inspector at a salary of £120 per annum, it being understood that the practical duties pertaining to the work, except in so far as Mr. Donald was able to perform them, should be discharged by the other three Inspectors, Mr. Donald's duties being restricted to the general supervision of the work and attendance at meetings of the committee when necessary.

APPENDIX.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTORS' REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1912.

Verification Work.

District.	Number of Weights, &c., submitted.	Correct.			Stamped.			Adjusted.		Rejected.		
		Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 1,	643	55	7	4	434	14	112	433	14	5	—	12
,, 2,	572	50	9	12	474	2	22	474	2	2	—	1
,, 3,	216	—	—	—	187	1	25	187	—	2	—	1
,, 4,	236	—	—	—	206	3	22	206	—	—	—	5

Outdoor Inspection.

District.	Number of Visits.	Number of Weights, &c., examined.	Correct.			Incorrect.		
			Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 2,	*105	115	—	—	101	—	—	14
,, 3,	*102	103	—	—	101	—	—	2
,, 4,	*139	813	431	194	101	3	—	20

* Of these 74, 68, and 73 were Collieries.

Fees.

District.	Stamping.	Adjusting.	Total.
No. 1, ...	£11 2 10½	£3 10 9½	£14 13 8
,, 2, ...	5 10 11½	4 6 10	9 17 9½
,, 3, ...	9 6 0	1 5 8½	10 11 8½
,, 4, ...	11 17 5	3 8 2	15 5 7
	£37 17 3	£12 11 6	£50 8 9

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 23rd October, 1912, being a meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark. — 23rd October, 1912.

Present—

Colonel Buchanan.
Robert G. Carson.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Alexander Hamilton.
Robert Lambie.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
William Love.
William M. Marshall.
William Neilson.
Gavin A. Shanks.
William Speirs.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
James Tonner.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.

Colonel King Stewart was appointed chairman of the meeting. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 2nd October, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter which he had received from Mr. John D. Scott, intimating his resignation as chairman of the committee. The meeting agreed to delay filling up the vacancy until next meeting. — *Resignation of Mr. John D. Scott, chairman of committee.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter which he had received from Mr. W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward, which was in the following terms, viz. :— — *Middle Ward Water Provisional Order. —Communication from District Clerk.*

"District Offices,
"Hamilton, 12th October, 1912.

"Dear Sir,

"Middle Ward Water.

"The District Committee of the Middle Ward, at a meeting held yesterday, unanimously resolved to recommend that application be made for a Provisional Order in the immediately ensuing session for powers in connection with the Middle Ward Water Undertaking, and I am to ask that you will be good enough to submit the recommendation to the County Council at your early convenience.

"In connection with the matter, I send you herewith—

(1) Copy of a report on the Water Undertaking, obtained by the District Committee from Sir Alexander Binnie, M.Inst.C.E., London, dated 11th April, 1912.

(This report has not been printed, as the District Committee did not consider it desirable to make it fully public at this stage. A synopsis, however, of its main features has been printed, and I can furnish you with 40 or 50 prints of these if desired); and

(2) Print containing minutes of meetings of sub-committee of the Water Committee, of dates 2nd and 7th October, with report appended.

(These minutes have been approved by the Water Committee and by the District Committee. The report shows that the further works and powers which it is recommended should be the subject of application for parliamentary sanction.)

"I shall be glad to afford any further information or explanations which the Council or yourself may wish in connection with the proposals, or to discuss same with you whenever convenient.

"Yours faithfully,

"W. E. WHYTE."

Copies of the report and of the minutes of meetings of the sub-committee of the Water Committee referred to in the above communication form Appendix II. to this minute.

Statement by Clerk.

The Clerk having explained that in order to permit of a Provisional Order or Private Bill being proceeded with in the ensuing session of Parliament it would be necessary for the notice to be prepared in draft form without delay, Mr. Neilson moved that the Clerk be authorised to prepare a draft notice for a Provisional Order or Private Bill in accordance with the recommendation of the District Committee, which was seconded by Mr. Fraser.

Motion by Mr. Neilson as to preparation of draft notice.

Amendment by Mr. Tonner.

Mr. Tonner moved, by way of amendment, that the preparation of the Parliamentary notice be delayed pending further consideration of the proposed new water scheme, which was seconded by Mr. Sym.

Motion carried.

On the amendment and motion having been put to the meeting, and a vote having been taken by way of a show of hands, a majority voted in favour of the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

The Clerk stated that he would submit to the next meeting of the committee a copy of the draft Parliamentary notice.

Communication from Burgh of Motherwell re *Water Supply.*

As relative to the question of water supply in the Middle Ward District, the Clerk submitted a letter which he had received from the Town-Clerk of Motherwell, enclosing a report by the Convener of the Water Committee of Motherwell Town-Council, which had been approved of by the Town Council. It was agreed to allow the communication to lie on the table.

Glasgow Water (Charges).—Letter from Town-Clerk, Renfrew.

The Clerk having submitted a letter from the Town-Clerk of Renfrew enquiring, on behalf of his Town Council, whether this County Council would be willing to again approach the City of Glasgow with a view to obtaining a reduction of the water charges, and stating that, if agreeable, the Town Council would convene a meeting of the parties interested to make the necessary arrangements.

The meeting agreed to the suggestion contained in the letter, and appointed Mr. Speirs and Mr. Lambie, along with the Chairman of the Committee (to be appointed at next meeting), to represent the county at any meeting called for the purpose of considering the question.

Minutes of Tramways Sub-Committee.

The Clerk reported the proceedings at a meeting of the Tramways Sub-Committee held that day, all as set forth in the minutes of the sub-committee, which form Appendix I. hereto. The meeting approved.

APPENDIX I.

LANARK COUNTY TRAMWAYS.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Builings, there, upon Wednesday, 23rd October, 1912, being a meeting of the Tramways Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 23rd October, 1912.

Present—

George Fraser.	William Neilson.
Robert Lambie.	Colonel King Stewart.
William M. Marshall.	William Templeton.

Colonel King Stewart in the chair. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 2nd October, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk reported the proceedings of a meeting of the sub-committee appointed to confer with representatives of the Lanarkshire Tramways Company, as the same are contained in the minutes of meeting, of date 15th October, appended hereto. The minutes of the sub-committee were approved of. *Minutes of sub-committee appointed to confer with Tramways Company.*

The meeting agreed to leave the further negotiations in regard to carrying out the proposed tramways in the hands of the County Clerk and District Clerk.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter which he had received from the Town-Clerk of Hamilton, enclosing accounts of Parliamentary expenses incurred by the Burghs of Hamilton, Motherwell, and Wishaw in connection with the Lanark County Tramways Bill, amounting in all to £1,272 12s. 11d. *Expenses of Burghs of Hamilton, Motherwell, and Wishaw.—Letter from Town-Clerk, Hamilton.*

The meeting delayed the accounts for further consideration.

APPENDIX.

LANARK COUNTY TRAMWAYS.

15th October, 1912. At HAMILTON, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Tuesday, 15th October, 1912, being a meeting of the Tramways Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

ROBERT LAMBIE. | WILLIAM NEILSON.
WILLIAM TEMPLETON.

Attending—

W. E. WHYTE, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.

Chairman. Mr. Neilson was appointed chairman of the meeting.

Remit.—Representatives of Tramways Company introduced. The Clerk having informed the sub-committee of the remit made to them, the following representatives of the Lanarkshire Tramways Company were introduced, viz.:—

Mr. A. R. Monks, Chairman;
Mr. Walton (of the British Thomson-Houston Company), Consulting Engineer; and
Mr. Möller, General Manager.

Arrangements agreed upon. After discussion, it was agreed that the plans and specifications of the work, should, with the consent of the Company and which Mr. Monks indicated would be given, be prepared; and that thereafter the plans and specifications should be sent to the British Thomson-Houston Company, who should be asked to give a firm offer for the carrying out of the work; that on receiving the offer it should be considered by the Tramways Committee and thereafter communicated to the Company; that the offer, if considered satisfactory, should be accepted; that the British Thomson-Houston Company should be entrusted with the carrying out of the work under the supervision of Mr. Möller, it being understood that the County Council would also appoint an engineer in order to satisfy themselves that the lines were laid and constructed in a manner satisfactory to them and the Road and Public Health Authorities.

Suggested double line of tramways through Bellshill. Mr. Neilson having raised the question of the advisability of laying a double line through Bellshill, Mr. Monks stated his intention of making an inspection of the route that day, and that he would report the views of his Company in regard to the proposal.

Widening and improvement of parts of road. Reference having been made to certain parts of road on the route which would require to be improved or widened, the Clerk stated that no time would be lost in entering into negotiations with the proprietors of the ground, and serving the notice required under the statute, with a view to the improvements being carried out in time to permit of the work being commenced in March next, when it was expected the necessary plant would be on the ground.

APPENDIX II.

At GLASGOW, 2nd October, 1912, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Middle Ward Water Committee to consider as to the efficiency of the existing water-works of the Middle Ward District for the probable future requirements of the district, &c.

2nd October, 1912.

Middle Ward Water.

(Sub-Committee as to sufficiency of water-works for probable future requirements of the District, &c.).

Sederunt—

James Cameron.	William Love.
George Fraser.	William M. Marshall.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Neilson.
Robert Lambie.	David Thomson.

Attending—

James M'Millan, Water Engingeer.

(Mr. Lambie, chairman, presiding.) *Chairman.*

Camps water. — Meeting with representatives of Upper Ward.

Under reference to minutes of meeting, of date 11th September, the sub-committee, in accordance with arrangement, met with representatives of the Upper Ward District Committee (Mr. J. C. Hope Vere, Mr. J. P. Baird, Rev. Christopher M'Kune, and Mr. John D. Scott, along with the District Clerk), on the subject of the communication which had been received from that committee to the effect—

> 'that they had been led to believe there was a probability of the Middle Ward District Committee seeking Parliamentary powers to take a supply from Camps water, in the Parish of Crawford; that some time ago the Upper Ward Committee had instructed a report by an engineer to be obtained on the supplies in the Upper Ward suitable as to quantity, quality, and altitude for the supply of their whole district, and from the report obtained there was no doubt that the Camps water was the most suitable for the scheme they had in view; further, that the Upper Ward Committee had not been prepared to proceed at once with the scheme, and had therefore remitted to a sub-committee to take any steps necessary to prevent in the meantime the alienation of the water for any other purpose.'

The Upper Ward representatives having been heard on the subject, and an expression of views having been given on both sides, the Middle Ward Sub-Committee indicated that they would be disposed to recommend to their District Committee that if a scheme were adopted by them providing for a water supply from the Camps Water they should consider—consistent with the demands and requirements of the Middle Ward District—as to an arrangement being entered into with the Upper Ward District Committee whereby a supply of water under suitable terms and conditions might be afforded to the Upper Ward District. The Upper Ward representatives having expressed themselves as satisfied with such an understanding at this stage, the conference terminated, it being understood that if and so soon as the Middle Ward District Committee were in a position to further discuss such a proposal as had been indicated, the Middle Ward Clerk should communicate with the Upper Ward Clerk, with a view to a further conference.

Additional works, &c.

Under reference to minutes of meeting of the Water Committee, of date 27th September, the meeting had under consideration the remit made to them to consider the desirability of the District Committee seeking powers for the construction of additional works, and for further powers in connection with the water undertaking. With a view to carrying out the remit, the meeting agreed that an inspection should be made of the Camps Water on Monday, 7th October, when the positions of the bores which had been put down at the place should be examined, and the results of the boring discussed. It was also agreed that the Clerk should, if possible, prepare, in time for the said meeting, a report for the sub-committee's consideration and guidance, to enable them to determine in the subject-matter of the remit made to them and report to the Water Committee at their first monthly meeting falling to be held on 11th October

7th October, 1912.

At HAMILTON, 7th October, 1912, being a meeting of the Sub-Committe appointed by the Middle Ward Water Committee to consider as to the sufficiency of the existing water-works of the Middle Ward District for the probable future requirements of the District, &c.

Middle Ward Water.

(Sub-Committee as to sufficiency of water-works for probable future requirements of the District, &c.).

Sederunt—

James Cameron.
George Fraser.
Alexander Hamilton.
Robert Lambie.
William M. Marshall.
William Neilson.
David Thomson.
William Love.

Attending—

James M'Millan, Water Engineer.

Chairman.

(Mr. Lambie, chairman, presiding.)

Inspection of Camps.

Under reference to minutes of meeting of date 2nd October, the sub-committee, in accordance with arrangement, visited the Camps Water and carefully inspected the site suggested by Sir Alexander R. Binnie for a reservoir. The Water Engineer pointed out the positions in which the various bores at the place had been put down, and explained the results obtained in each case.

Motherwell Burgh water supply.

Under reference to minutes of meeting, of date 11th September, and former minutes, on the subject of combination among the various water authorities in Mid-Lanark, the Clerk submitted letter, of date 2nd October, which he had received from the Town-Clerk, Motherwell, transmitting a report by the convener of the Water Committee of the Town-Council, which he stated had been approved by the Town Council. The report, which was submitted and read to the meeting, dealt with the findings and data contained in Sir Alexander Binnie's Report, of date 11th April, 1912, so far as relating to the Motherwell Burgh water supply, and expressed the view that the surplus water which the Burgh Water Convener referred to in his report "should be utilised before there is any further expenditure of public money on new undertakings by the County Council or any other Local Authority." The report also bore that "the Town Council differ from Sir Alexander Binnie in regard to amalgamation."

There was also submitted a letter from the Water Engineer, of date 4th October, dealing with the views expressed in the report. After discussion, the meeting resolved to recommend that the report should be allowed to lie on the table.

Report by Clerk.—Recommendation.

The Clerk reported that, as instructed at last meeting, he had prepared for the committee's consideration a report dealing with the various matters in connection with the Water Undertaking calling for decision at this time—if so resolved—and had sent a copy to each member of the sub-committee. The sub-committee thereupon proceeded to consider the report, and after going carefully over and discussing the various items thereof *seriatim*, and hearing the Clerk and the Water Engineer in explanation, they were unanimously of opinion that it was necessary and expedient, in the interests of the District, that a Provisional Order should be promoted in the immediately ensuing session, seeking the further Parliamentary powers outlined in the Clerk's report—which is printed as an appendix to this minute—and generally for such other or further incidental powers as may be considered necessary. It was therefore resolved to report to the Water Committee accordingly.

APPENDIX.

STRICTLY PRIVATE.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

DISTRICT OF THE MIDDLE WARD.

WATER.

In accordance with the Committee's instructions given at their meeting held on 2nd October, the following report with reference to the further Parliamentary powers which should be sought in connection with the Middle Ward Water Undertaking is submitted:—

It will be of advantage to deal with the subject-matter in the following order:—(First) (*a*) the recommendations made by Sir Alexander R. Binnie in his Report to the District Committee, of date 11th April, 1912, and (*b*) certain additional works recommended by the Water Engineer; (second) suggested alterations and modifications of the existing statutory powers of the District Committee relating to water; (third) to state for the Committee's consideration a series of general powers which have been found to be desirable and necessary in the working and administration of the water undertaking; and (fourth) an extension of the area of supply.

I. (*a*) SIR ALEXANDER BINNIE'S PROPOSALS.

(*a*) Sir Alexander Binnie recommends that power should be sought from Parliament to construct a reservoir or reservoirs on the Camps Water, at the site inspected by the Committee on 4th June last, and furnishes the following particulars in connection with the proposal:—

"*Drainage Area.*—The drainage area down to the proposed bank is 6,080 acres.

Rainfall.—Dr. Mill gives the average rainfall as 56 inches, and the available rainfall as 30·8 inches.

Yield of Drainage Area.—The yield of this drainage area during the three driest consecutive years would amount to 11,700,000 gallons per diem, of which approximately 8,800,000 gallons per diem would be available for supply.

Number of Days' Storage.—The number of days' storage necessary to equalise the flow during the three driest consecutive years with this rainfall would be 150, and the reservoir should therefore contain 11,700,000 × 150 = 1,750 million gallons of water.

Levels.—This quantity of storage could be obtained by means of a reservoir whose top water level would be 1,066 feet above Ordnance Datum, with a minimum draw-off at 1,000 feet above O.D.

Estimate.—There is a very fair road, with easy gradients, up the bottom of the valley from the railway at Crawford to the proposed site, a distance of about four miles, so that there would be little difficulty in getting up materials for the works.

Suitable rock for concrete would be found on the spot, but puddle would probably be far to fetch, and would be expensive, as the drainage area appeared to be free from clay.

I have assumed that the cut-off trench would have to be carried to a maximum depth of 60 feet in the valley bottom, although, owing to the presence of the dyke, I should expect to find the rock at a less depth.

I am of the opinion that if a bye-wash were constructed so as to avoid taking in spate water, there would be no necessity to filter the water, owing to its exceptional freedom from colour and matters in suspension. The cost of such a bye-wash has been included in the estimate, together with land and all necessary works.

I estimate the total cost of this reservoir at £167,000."

[NOTE.—Sir Alexander Binnie advises that this reservoir should be constructed in two instalments and estimates the cost of these as follows:—First Instalment, £155,000; Second Instalment, £12,000.]

"Although it may be said that I have looked very far ahead, my own experience in these matters, after a long life spent in the studying of these questions, is that the demand for water has nearly always overtaken the estimated requirements.

Fortunately at Camps Water you have a means of increasing the supply at a very small cost as another very fair site for a reservoir exists lower down the valley.

From this lower reservoir, which I estimate would cost £55,000, the compensation water might be given instead of from the upper reservoir.

Should you decide to make application to Parliament for the Camps Water Scheme, it might be desirable to obtain powers for this reservoir as well, but this is a matter for your Committee to decide."

[It is suggested, having regard to the fact that this reservoir could not, according to Sir Alexander Binnie, be required for very many years—certainly not until the second instalment of the Camps Storage Reservoir had been carried out—that it is inappropriate and not advisable to apply for powers for the second reservoir at this time.]

(*b*) A main pipe or aqueduct from Camps Water to Canderside Cottage, near Larkhall, of which the following are the particulars:—

"The total length of the main from Camps Water to the point of distribution should be 26½ miles, which is less than the distance that both the Airdrie and Coatbridge Trust and Wishaw Burgh have gone for their supplies, and is much less than the distance many communities have had to go.

The fall between the reservoir and this point would be 270 feet, but, owing to the levels of the ground in between, the pipe would have to be laid so as to have two different "hydraulic gradients."

For the first twelve miles the fall would have to be somewhat flat—1 in 1,200—and I should advise a pipe 29 inches in diameter, which would deliver 6,600,000 gallons per diem when clean, or 4,400,000 gallons allowing for incrustation.

The fall of the last 14½ miles would be at the rate of 1 in 370, and here a 23-inch pipe could be used, which would deliver about the same quantity of water.

I estimate that the total cost of the main would be about £148,000, allowing for all contingencies."

[Note.—It should be pointed out that the above-mentioned Main is only intended to deal with the water available from the first instalment of the proposed new Camps Reservoir, and that Sir Alexander Binnie points out in his Report that when the second instalment of the reservoir is carried out an additional Main involving an expenditure of a like sum (£148,000) will fall to be incurred.]

(*c*) A covered service reservoir or reservoirs of a capacity each of 10,000,000 gallons, as a safeguard against any break-down that might take place in the main pipe above mentioned (*b*), the estimated cost of each reservoir being £30,000.

[Note.—Sir Alexander Binnie advises the construction of two service reservoirs, one to be constructed when the first instalment of the Camps Reservoir is carried out and the other to be constructed when the second instalment is carried out.]

(*d*) As an alternative to the construction of a service reservoir or reservoirs as above (*c*), Sir Alexander Binnie recommends that a pipe be laid between Roughrigg Reservoir, belonging to the Airdrie, Coatbridge, and District Water Trust, and Newhouse Reservoir, the estimated cost being £12,000.

(*e*) The installation of mechanical filters, the estimated cost being, say, £10,000.

(*b*) WATER ENGINEER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

(*f*) A new aqueduct, conduit, or line of pipes, commencing by a junction with the existing water-pipe in the Motherwell Road, near its junction with the road leading to Low Motherwell Farm, and terminating in the same road at Carfin Cross.

(*g*) A new aqueduct, conduit, or line of pipes commencing by a junction with the existing water-pipe in Range Road, Flemington, and terminating in the Carfin Road, Wishaw, at its junction with the private road leading to Overjohnstone Colliery.

(*h*) A new aqueduct, conduit, or line of pipes, commencing by a junction with the existing water-pipe in the Manse Road, Wishaw, at its junction with the Netherton Road, and terminating in the Glen Road, near Mansefield, Wishaw.

(*i*) A service reservoir in the Parish of Shotts, to be situate near the western corner of enclosure No. 1587 on the 25-inch Ordnance Survey Map (Second Edition, 1898) of the Parish of Shotts.

(*j*) A new aqueduct, conduit, or line of pipes, commencing in the Edinburgh Road, near Blairmains, and terminating in the Hirst Road, near the service reservoir (Work No. (*i*)) hereinbefore described.

(*k*) A new aqueduct or line of pipes, commencing in the Hirst Road, near the service reservoir (Work No. (*i*)) hereinbefore described, and terminating in the Springhill and Leadloch Road, near Springhill.

[Note.—The three proposed works (*i*, *j*, *k*) are advised as being necessary to afford a satisfactory and sufficient supply of water for the Hirst and Dewshill districts. At these places a temporary arrangement has been in existence for a few years, but it has not been found to be satisfactory, and in any case it is necessary at this time for the Committee to consider as to augmenting the supply to the Springhill district beyond Stane. The works proposed will serve the requirements of that district.]

SUMMARY OF NEW WORKS FOR WHICH PARLIAMENTARY POWERS ARE RECOMMENDED TO BE SOUGHT,—THE WORKS INCLUDED BEING (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CAMPS STORAGE RESERVOIR) REFERABLE ONLY TO THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF THE CAMPS SCHEME ADVISED BY SIR ALEXANDER BINNIE, WITH THE ADDITION OF THE WORKS RECOMMENDED BY THE WATER ENGINEER.

Work.	Estimated Cost.
1. Reservoir on Camps Water, ...	£167,000
2. Aqueduct or Main leading from Camps, ...	148,000
3. Covered Service Reservoir, ...	30,000
4. Main Pipe connecting Roughrigg Reservoir with Newhouse Reservoir, ...	12,000
5. Mechanical Filters, ...	10,000
6. New Aqueducts and Mains (*f*, *g*, *h*, *j*, *k*), ...	10,000
7. New Service Reservoir at Hirst (*i*), ...	3,000
	£380,000

NOTE.—Both Nos. 3 and 4, although they are alternative works, should be included meantime.

II. ALTERATIONS OF EXISTING STATUTORY POWERS.

(1) Sir Alexander Binnie recommends that the proposal for the construction of the Glengavel Reservoir, authorised by the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Act of 1896, should be abandoned. Under the Act mentioned, seven years were allowed for the construction of this Reservoir. This period was extended for six years by the Act of 1902, and for five years by the Act of 1908, and expires on 2nd July, 1914. The land for the Reservoir was purchased from the Trustees of the late Duke of Hamilton in 1902, the price paid being £7,500. If Sir Alexander's recommendation is approved, the abandonment of the Reservoir should be provided for in the new Order. It will probably not be necessary to obtain power to dispose of the land acquired for the Reservoir in view of the provisions of Section 26 of the Act of 1892 and Section 20 of the Act of 1896.

(2) Amend Section 33 of 1892 Act so as to provide that the District Committee shall not be bound to supply (except by measure) water to any common lodging-house, poorhouse, or other public institution or building.

(3) Amend Section 53 of 1892 Act (which empowers the District Committee to compel an owner to provide a proper and sufficient supply of water at or near any house without such supply), so as to enable the District Committee—subject to all proper safeguards, including a right of appeal to the Sheriff—to require the owner to provide water inside the house and fit up therein a sink to carry off foul water.

III. NEW GENERAL POWERS RECOMMENDED.

(1) Questions have arisen from time to time as to the specific purposes for which water granted for "domestic" use may be put, and an effort should be made to obtain a definite specification in the new Order. A clause might serve the purpose providing that the expression "domestic purposes" in the Middle Ward Water Acts shall be deemed to include water-closets and baths constructed or fitted so as not to be capable of containing, when filled, or filled

up to the overflow or waste pipe (if any), more than eighty gallons, but shall not include a supply of water for any of the following purposes, namely:—

Steam, gas, motor, and other like engines;
Railway purposes;
Ventilating purposes;
Working any machine or apparatus;
Consumption by or washing of horses or cattle;
Washing carriages, motor cars, or other vehicles;
Watering gardens by means of any outside tap or any hose, tube, pipe, sprinkler, or other like apparatus;
Fountains or any ornamental purpose;
Cleansing sewers and drains;
Cleansing and watering streets or roads;
Fire extinction;
Flushing drains by means of any apparatus discharging automatically;
Public pumps, baths, or wash-houses;
Any trade, manufacture, or business;
Any bath constructed or fitted so as to be capable of containing, when filled, or filled up to the overflow or waste pipe (if any), more than eighty gallons.

(2) It is recommended, for the consideration of the County Council, that the rating provisions of the Act of 1892 should be amended. As the Committee are aware, those provisions (as contained in Section 55) are to the effect that the County Council are authorised and required annually to impose and levy an assessment (to be called the domestic water rate) upon all lands and heritages within the limits of the Act which shall have been supplied with water for domestic purposes by the District Committee, at such rate in the pound as shall be sufficient, when supplemented by the public water rate (if any) to defray the expenses incurred or to be incurred for the purposes of water supply; and for the purposes of the Section (55) "every house or part of a house or other premises other than a public work or manufactory situate within one hundred yards of any public fountain or stand-pipe belonging to the District Committee, and not being within the limits of supply of the Airdrie, Coatbridge, and District Water Trust, or of the Glasgow Commissioners, . . . shall be deemed to be included in the expression 'lands and heritages within the limits of this Act which shall have been supplied with water for domestic purposes;'" Provided that no Railway Company shall, in respect of its railway or canal undertaking, be liable to be assessed for the domestic water rate, but in respect of any houses or premises belonging to such Railway Company actually supplied with water, such Railway Company shall be deemed to have entered into a contract or arrangement for a special supply, as provided for in Section 29 of the Act; provided also that the Airdrie, Coatbridge, and District Water Trust, and the Glasgow Commissioners shall not be liable to be assessed for the domestic water rate, except in respect of any houses or premises belonging to them actually supplied with water.

In recent Scotch Water Orders the assessing powers are to the following effect:—

(*a*) The County Council are empowered to impose a Domestic Water Rate upon all lands and heritages within the limits of supply, provided that as regards all persons who are the owners or occupiers of any dwelling-houses or other buildings other than tenements situated in a private close or place they are not to be assessed in respect thereof for the Domestic Water Rate unless such dwelling-houses or other buildings have been actually supplied with water,

or unless some pipe of the District Committee has been laid down within 100 yards of the premises. As regards owners or occupiers of tenements situated in a private close or place, they are not liable for the Domestic Water Rate unless some pipe of the District Committee has been laid down within 100 yards of the entrance to such close or place.

(*b*) Agricultural lands are not to be assessed for the Domestic Water Rate unless some pipe of the District Committee has been laid down within 100 yards from some dwelling-house or dwelling-houses upon the same, and then only in respect of the annual value of such dwelling-house or dwelling-houses.

(*c*) The annual value of the following lands or premises are to be held, for the purposes of the Domestic Water Rate, to be one-fourth of the annual value thereof entered in the Valuation Roll, namely:—

(I.) All lands and premises used exclusively as a canal or basin of a canal or towing path for the same, or as a railway or tramway, excepting the stations, depots, and buildings, which shall be assessable to the same extent as other lands and premises within the limits of supply.

(II.) All waterworks and underground or other pipes of any Water Company, Corporation, or Commissioners.

(III.) All mines, minerals, and quarries.

(3) Under Sections 48, 51, and 52 of the Waterworks Clauses Act, 1847, the owner or occupier may break up a street for the purpose of *laying* or *removing* a service pipe. No mention is made of *repair*, and in view of Section 19, which practically prevents an owner from repairing, it was held, in the case of Chapman *v.* Fylde Water Works Company, 1894, that the Company were liable in connection with an action of damages arising out of the want of repair of a cover on a communication pipe. It is therefore suggested that a clause should be inserted in the Order, laying a definite obligation on the owner to provide, lay down, and maintain the communication pipes, and empowering him—for the purpose of complying with any obligation under the Acts, to maintain any pipe or apparatus—with the like power to open the ground as is conferred on him by Sections 48 to 52 of the Waterworks Clauses Act, 1847, in relation to the laying of communication pipes.

(4) Power should be sought to levy Special Water Charges in advance, if the District Committee so decide.

(5) It has been found in different instances that it is not practicable nor economically possible for the District Committee to supply some outlying hamlet or collection of houses with water from the main sources of supply, but that a supply could often be arranged from a local source. There is no specific power in the District Committee's hands at present to provide such a supply, and it is therefore suggested that the Committee should be empowered to arrange by agreement for the supply of water from or to acquire any springs, streams, wells, or other waters, or the right or privilege of taking or conducting water from same, and to utilise any such springs, streams, wells, or waters for the purposes of their Water Undertaking; also, that any such springs, streams, wells, waters, and works so acquired and executed should form part of the Water Undertaking of the District Committee. In this connection the Committee's attention is directed to Section 16 of the Act of 1908.

It should also be provided that all existing powers of the Middle Ward Water Acts, so far as not proposed to be expressly modified by the new Order, shall apply to the new works.

IV. EXTENSION OF AREA OF SUPPLY.

Application has been made to the District Committee to add to their Water District a part of Cathkin Estate (and subject to the approval of the Lower Ward District Committee and of the Glasgow Corporation—if required) it is recommended that the following area should be included in the Middle Ward Water District, namely:—Enclosures numbers 293 and 305 on the 25-inch Ordnance Survey Map, and the whole of that part of the Parish of Rutherglen lying to the east of said enclosures.

It will be remembered that the Eastern District Committee of Dunbartonshire recently applied to the Middle Ward District Committee for a supply of water for an area in the Parish of Cumbernauld, but that an arrangement was not come to at the time. A communication has been addressed to the Dunbartonshire Committee, advising them that a new Order in connection with the Middle Ward Water Undertaking may be promoted, and that if they so desire the Middle Ward District Committee would no doubt be prepared to consider a proposal for adding the Cumbernauld area to their water area, or to make some other arrangement. The matter is being considered by the Dunbartonshire Committee at present.

Explanations in greater detail regarding the above proposals will be given by the Reporter when this report comes to be considered. The shortness of the time available has prevented a fuller exposition being made of the subject-matter, and probably some additional minor items may be suggested at a later date.

There are printed as appendices hereto (1) Journals of the bores which have been put down at Camps, and (2) analysis of the Camps Water.

W. E. WHYTE.

Hamilton, October, 1912.

APPENDICES.

JOURNALS OF BORES.

		Feet.	Inches.
No. 1.	Moss,	0	9
	Sandy clay and stones,	1	0
	Gravel and whinstone boulders,	11	0
	Whin,	0	6
No. 2.	Moss,	0	6
	Sandy clay and stones,	1	0
	Gravel and whinstone boulders,	7	6
	Whin,	0	6
No. 3.	Moss,	0	9
	Sandy clay and stones,	1	0
	Gravel and whinstone boulders,	12	3
	Whin,	0	3

		Feet.	Inches.
No. 4.	Sandy clay and stones,	2	3
	Gravel and whinstone boulders,	6	9
	Whin,	0	6
No. 5.	Sandy clay and stones,	1	6
	Muddy sand,	2	0
	Gravel and whinstone boulders,	9	9
	Loose whin,	1	9
	Greyish whin (weathered),	1	8
	Whin (solid),	1	0
No. 6.	Sandy clay and stones,	3	0
	Gravel and whinstone boulders,	6	0
	Whin.	0	6
No. 7.	Sandy clay and stones,	2	0
	Gravel and whinstone boulders,	4	0
	Whin,	0	6
No. 8.	Sandy clay and stones,	1	6
	Muddy sand,	1	9
	Gravel,	0	9
	Whin,	2	0
No. 9.	Sandy clay and stones,	2	0
	Muddy sand,	0	9
	Broken whin,	2	3
	Whin,	1	0
No. 10.	Sandy clay and stones,	1	0
	Loose and broken whinstone,	8	6
	Whin,	1	0
No. 11.	Sandy clay and stones,	1	0
	Loose whinstone,	6	9
	Whin,	1	0
No. 12.	Sandy clay and stones,	0	9
	Loose whin,	6	0
	Whin,	1	0
No. 13.	Moss,	1	0
	Muddy clay and stones,	2	9
	Loose whin,	0	6
	Whin,	1	9

		Feet.	Inches.		
No. 14.	Sandy clay and stones,	(*a*) 2	9	(*b*) 2	6
	Gravel,	2	6	3	3
	Whin,	0	6	0	9
No. 15.	Moss,	1	0		
	Sandy clay and stones,	3	0		
	Gravel,	3	0		
	Loose whin,	1	0		
	Whin,	1	0		
No. 16.	Sandy clay and stones,	3	0		
	Gravel,	0	9		
	Whin,	1	0		
No. 17.	Sandy clay and stones,	3	6		
	Gravel,	3	0		
	Loose whin,	1	0		
	Whin,	1	0		

SAMPLE OF CAMPS WATER TAKEN AT POINT OF PROPOSED RESERVOIR EMBANKMENT.

TAKEN ON 4TH JUNE, 1912, BY COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER. ANALYSED 6TH JUNE, 1912.

Physical Characters:—Clear and transparent; minute traces of greyish fibrous matter in suspension, and very light greyish fibrous deposit.

Colour Pt. stand:—"Paper Filtered"—under 1·0 Platinum Standard, or 21 m.m. Burgess Tintometer.

Alkalinity as C_aCO_3, = 5·7 parts per 100,000.

	Parts per 100,000.	
Chlorides as Cl.,	0·9	
Nitrites,	Nil.	
Nitrates as Nitrogen,	·009	
Ammonia—Free, as Nitrogen,	Nil.	
„ Albuminoid, as Nitrogen,	·0030	
Oxygen Absorbed,	·155	
Hardness—Total,	(Soap method) 5·29	(Acid method) 7·9
„ Permanent,	(„) 3·25	(„) 2·2
Solids—Dissolved,	—	
„ Suspended,	—	
„ Total,	9·2	
Loss on Ignition,	3·8	

Iron, very minute trace; Sulphates, no reaction; Lime, marked reaction.

REPORT.—This is a water of great purity, and in every way suited for domestic purposes.

WALTER BROWN,
Chemist.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 6th November, 1912, being a meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 6th November, 1912.

Present—

JAMES ANDERSON.
Colonel BUCHANAN.
JAMES H. FENTON.
GEORGE FRASER.
ALEXANDER HAMILTON.
ROBERT LAMBIE.
WILLIAM LOVE.
Sir SIMON MACDONALD LOCKHART, Bart., M.V.O.
WILLIAM M. MARSHALL.
WILLIAM NEILSON.
GAVIN A. SHANKS.
WILLIAM SPEIRS.
Colonel KING STEWART.
WILLIAM SYM.
WILLIAM TEMPLETON.
JAMES TONNER.
JAMES C. HOPE VERE.

Attending—

W. E. WHYTE, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.

On the motion of Mr. William Neilson, seconded by Mr. Love, Mr. George Fraser was unanimously appointed chairman of the committee. *Appointment of chairman.*

Mr. Fraser, on taking the chair, thanked the members of the committee for the honour conferred upon him.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 23rd October, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Middle Ward Water Provisional Order.—Preparation of Draft Parliamentary Notice. The Clerk stated that, in accordance with the instructions given at last meeting, he had, along with the District Clerk and after consultation with the Parliamentary Agents, prepared a Draft Parliamentary Notice (Appendix) relating to the promotion of the Middle Ward Water Provisional Order, which, however, although covering all essential matters regarding which powers were sought, was still subject to revision and adjustment. He stated that a copy of the notice had been sent to each member of the Parliamentary Bills Committee.

Mr. Lambie's motion. After discussion, Mr. Lambie moved approval of the notice subject to certain emendations or additions which might be found necessary, which was seconded by Mr. Love.

Mr. Tonner's amendment. Mr. Tonner moved, by way of amendment, that consideration of the matter be delayed, which was seconded by Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart.

Motion carried. On a vote being taken by way of a show of hands, 2 voted for the amendment and 9 for the motion. The chairman accordingly declared the motion carried.

Recommendation to County Council. After discussion as to the terms of the committee's recommendation to the special meeting of the County Council to be held on 13th current, it was agreed that the Council be recommended to authorise the necessary publication of the notice, and to remit to the Parliamentary Bills Committee to prepare and adjust a Draft Provisional Order on the lines proposed by the District Committee of the Middle Ward for submission before being deposited to a special meeting of the Council to be held in December.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

27th November, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 27th November, 1912, being a meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

John Adam.	William Love.
James Anderson.	William Neilson.
James H. Fenton.	Gavin A. Shanks.
George Fraser.	William Speirs.
Alexander Hamilton.	Colonel King Stewart.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.	William Sym.
Robert Lambie.	William Templeton.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.	James Tonner.
	James C. Hope Vere.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.

Chairman. Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date, 6th November, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed.

Minutes of Tramways Sub-Committee.

The minutes of the Sub-Committee on Lanark County Tramways, of date 20th instant, appended hereto, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of.

Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.

The Clerk submitted draft of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Provisional Order—a copy of which had been sent to each member of the Committee—which he and the District Clerk had adjusted with the Parliamentary Agents and which had been submitted to and, after discussion, and explanations as to the precedent for certain of the clauses, had been approved by the chairman of the committee and of the Middle Ward Water Committee at a meeting with the Parliamentary Agents in London.

Statement by Clerk.

The Clerk explained to the meeting the chief provisions of the Order and stated that it had been drafted so as to enable the works proposed by the District Committee to be carried out and to give effect to the recommendations and suggestions made by the District Committee with regard to additional powers in connection with the water supply and consequential amendments of the Middle Ward Water Acts.

Discussion adjourned.

The meeting, after general discussion of the provisions of the Order, agreed to adjourn consideration of it until Wednesday next.

Proposed disjunction of Cambuslang from Glasgow telephone area.—Communication from Mr. David J. Black.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a communication which he had received from Mr. David J. Black, on behalf of the telephone subscribers in the Cambuslang district, asking the support of the County Council to a representation which they proposed to make to the Postmaster-General against the proposed disjunction of Cambuslang from the Glasgow telephone area and to certain proposed increased charges.

Agreed to support representation to Postmaster-General.

The Clerk having explained the extent of the inconvenience and expense that would be caused to telephone subscribers and the public in the Cambuslang district if the proposed change took place, the meeting, after consideration, agreed to support the representation to the Postmaster-General, and instructed the Clerk accordingly.

It was further agreed that in the event of the reply from the Postmaster-General being unsatisfactory, the matter should be again brought before the committee.

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LANARK COUNTY TRAMWAYS.

20th November, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 20th November, 1912, being a meeting of the Tramways Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

George Fraser.
Alexander Hamilton.
Robert Lambie.
W. M. Marshall.
William Neilson.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Templeton.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.

Chairman. The meeting having appointed Mr. George Fraser to be chairman of the sub-committee, he took the chair.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the sub-committee, of date 23rd October, which had been submitted to and approved of by the Parliamentary Bills Committee, were laid before the meeting and signed.

Construction of tramways.—Company's specifications. The Clerk reported that he had received from Mr. Möller, General Manager of the Lanarkshire Tramways Company, the specifications, as prepared by him according to the instructions of the sub-committee, for the various works requiring to be constructed; that he had forwarded them to the head office of the Company, and that he had received from the Secretary a communication stating that the Directors of the Company had no observations to make upon them.

Examination of plans and specifications. The meeting agreed that the specifications and plans should be examined by Mr. B. Hall Blyth, and also by Mr. Alexander Scott, C.E., and thereafter transmitted to the British Thomson-Houston Company with a view to obtaining a firm offer for the construction of the work.

Inspection of works during construction. The meeting appointed Mr. Alexander Scott, C.E., to inspect the works during construction on behalf of the County Council.

Route for proposed new tramways.—Acquisition of ground, &c. The Clerk reported that he had, along with Mr. Whyte, Mr. Möller, General Manager, Mr. Pollock, Solicitor, and Mr. Scott, C.E., gone over the route of the proposed new tramway lines, and he indicated by reference to a plan, which he submitted to the meeting, the various points at which it would be necessary to acquire ground for the purpose of widening the highways and making other improvements.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed to the proposals indicated by the Clerk, and authorised him and the District Clerk to negotiate with the proprietors concerned.

Caledonian Railway Company's bridges

The Clerk also reported that the Caledonian Railway Company had agreed to grant permission to the County Council to put down trial bores to ascertain whether it would be necessary to make any alterations of the railway bridges at Fallside and Muirmadzean, and that the matter was being attended to by Mr. Möller.

New tramway lines.—Approval of plans by District Committee, subject to certain conditions.

The Clerk submitted a letter which he had received from Mr. W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward, stating that the District Committee had considered the route plans of the proposed new lines, and that they had approved of same so far as their interests were concerned, subject to certain conditions as to the position of the lines on the highways and protection being given for water pipes, sewage &c., and on the further condition that the works were carried out in accordance with the Act, and to the satisfaction of, and free of any expense or loss to, the District Committee.

Meeting approve.

The meeting agreed that the conditions stated by the District Committee should be complied with, and also that the wages of an Inspector to see that the works were carried out to the satisfaction of the District Committee should be defrayed by the County Council, the expenditure so incurred to be a charge against the undertaking.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 4th December, 1912, being a meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 4th December, 1912.

Present—

John Adam.	William M. Marshall.
James Anderson.	William Neilson.
James H. Fenton.	Gavin A. Shanks.
George Fraser.	William Speirs.
Alexander Hamilton.	Colonel King Stewart.
Robert Lambie.	William Sym.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.	William Templeton.
William Love.	James Tonner.
	James C. Hope Vere.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.

Chairman.

Mr. Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 27th November, 1912, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of, and signed.

Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.—Statement of rating provisions.

The meeting, having resumed consideration of the provisions of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, the Clerk submitted a revised statement containing the rating provisions of various local Water Acts, which had been passed within recent years, a copy of which forms an appendix hereto.

Inclusion in Order of agricultural lands. —Amendment by Mr. Tonner.

After discussion, and Mr. Neilson having stated the views of the District Committee of the Middle Ward, as expressed at a meeting held that day in regard to the provisions of the Order, Mr. Tonner moved that the Order be amended with a view to the inclusion of agricultural lands as a subject to be assessed in the same manner as mines and minerals, which was seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

Amendment defeated.

On a vote having been taken by way of a show of hands as for and against Mr. Tonner's amendment, 7 voted for the amendment and 7 against, whereupon the chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment, and declared the same to be lost.

Assessments as in Middle Ward Water Order of 1892 —Amendment by Mr. Fenton.

Thereafter Mr. Fenton moved that the provisions of the Order relating to assessments be similar to those contained in the Middle Ward Water Act of 1892, which was seconded by Mr. Hope Vere.

On a vote having been taken by way of a show of hands as for and against the amendment, 6 voted for the amendment and 7 against.

Amendment defeated.

The Chairman accordingly declared the amendment lost.

Draft Order approved.

The Draft Order, as submitted, was thereafter put to the meeting and approved, subject to such verbal amendments as the Clerk might consider it expedient to make upon it.

Communication from Mr. James C. Bishop on behalf of colliery owners.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter which he had received from Mr. James C. Bishop, solicitor, Glasgow, which was in the following terms. viz. :—

" 156 St. Vincent Street,
" Glasgow, 4th December, 1912.

" Dear Sir,

" I have been instructed by several of the large colliery owners in the Middle Ward to write you with reference to the notice of the proposed Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, which recently appeared in the local newspapers.

" They strongly object to certain of the provisions of the proposed Order, and especially to the proposal to repeal Section 55 of the Act of 1892, and to authorise the County Council to levy the domestic water rate on subjects which do not use water for domestic purposes.

" I am directed to point out to you that the present scheme of rating provided by the Act of 1892 was fixed after careful consideration, in view of the special circumstances of the district, and that works have been laid down and arrangements for water supply made in view of this scheme.

" It was conceded at the time that subjects which do not consume water provided by the District Committee would make a sufficient contribution to the finance of the water undertaking by the imposition on these of the public water rate, while those subjects which use water supplied by the District Committee for other than domestic purposes pay their fair share of the cost under the present rating arrangement.

" Another provision which is considered objectionable is that which seeks to amend Section 53 of the Act of 1892, and empowers the District Committee to compel the owner of any house or other building to take a supply of water inside that house or building.

" Such a provision might properly enough be dealt with in an Act relating to Housing or Public Health, but there are other contingent matters which would require to be dealt with at the same time, such as the provision by the Local Authority of a proper outlet for sewage, and the clause seems out of place in the present order.

" The definition of the expression ' supply of water for domestic purposes ' is also objected to in so far as it excludes the use of water for flushing drains by means of apparatus discharging automatically, or for public pumps or washhouses, if the exclusion is intended to apply to such use in connection with dwellinghouses which are charged with the domestic water rate.

"The coal owners recognise that in many respects the Order is reasonable and necessary, and they would be glad if they could be relieved of the necessity of appearing and opposing the Order, thereby involving themselves and the County Council in considerable expense.

"I write you in the hope that some adjustment of interests may be possible before the draft Order is finally settled and lodged.

"Yours truly,

(Signed) "JAMES C. BISHOP."

Agreed to receive representatives from colliery owners.

The meeting instructed the Clerk to reply that the two points raised in the letter had been carefully considered by the Committee, and that they had agreed to report the Draft Order containing the provisions referred to for the approval of the County Council, but at the same time to indicate that the committee would be glad to afford their clients an opportunity of representing to them in regard to the two clauses to which specific reference was made in the letter, or in regard to any other matter that affects Mr. Bishop's clients.

Letter from Town Council of Motherwell.

There was also submitted a letter from the Town Council of Motherwell, which was in the following terms, viz. :—

"Town Hall,
"Motherwell, 27th November, 1912.

"DEAR SIR,

"At a recent meeting of the Water Committee of Motherwell Town Council, attention was drawn to the proposals of the Middle Ward District Committee to promote a Provisional Order in Parliament this session for an additional water supply, and I was instructed to write you asking for a meeting to discuss the question of the Town Council being now permitted to be the Water Authority within the area added to the Burgh by the Motherwell Burgh Extension and Sewage Purification Act, 1908, and as to the provisions in Motherwell Water (Additional Supply) Act, 1900, as to supplying water to the Middle and Upper Wards. I shall be pleased to hear that your constituents will agree to such a meeting.

"I have written in similar terms to Mr. Whyte, Middle Ward District Clerk.

"Yours faithfully,

(Signed) "JAMES BURNS,
"*Town-Clerk.*"

Agreed to meet with Town Council of Motherwell.

The meeting, after consideration, instructed the Clerk to reply to the Town-Clerk of Motherwell, stating that on the Order being approved by the County Council, the committee, either by themselves or in conjunction with the District Committee of the Middle Ward, would be glad to meet with representatives of the Town Council of Motherwell.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER.

RATING PROVISIONS OF VARIOUS LOCAL WATER ACTS.

ACT.	RATING PROVISIONS.		
	PUBLIC RATE.	DOMESTIC RATE.	
		RATE.	EXEMPTIONS OR ABATEMENTS.
Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Act, 1892.	Leviable on all lands and heritages within the limits of the Act, not exceeding 3d. per £.	Leviable upon all lands and heritages within limits of the Act supplied with water for domestic use, and also upon all houses or premises within 100 yards of any public fountain or stand pipe belonging to the District Committee.	Public works and manufactories, although within 100 yards of a public fountain or stand pipe are not thereby assessable. Railway Companies and Canal Undertakings are exempt.
Bathgate Water Supply Confirmation Act, 1892. NOTE.—The Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1891, has been adopted by Resolution within the Bathgate District, and the charges for water are those provided for by that Statute.	Leviable on all lands and heritages within the district, not exceeding 3d. per £.	Leviable on all lands and heritages which have been supplied with water.	
East Stirlingshire Water Act. 1900.	Leviable on all lands and heritages within limits of supply, not exceeding 3d. per £.	Leviable on all lands and heritages within water supply district, subject to the exemptions noted in next column.	The following subjects are totally exempt:— (*a*) Dwelling-houses or other buildings other than tenements in a private close or place, unless actually supplied with water, or unless a pipe is laid within 100 yards.

ACT	RATING PROVISIONS.		
	Public Rate.	Domestic Rate.	
		Rate.	Exemptions or Abatements.
East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900.—*Continued*	Leviable on all lands and heritages within limits of supply, not exceeding 3d. per £.	Leviable on all lands and heritages within water supply district, subject to the exemptions noted in next column.	(*b*) Tenements in a private close or place, unless a pipe has been laid within 100 yards of the entrance to the close or place or nearest part thereof. (*c*) Agricultural lands, unless a pipe has been laid within 100 yards from some dwelling-house or dwelling-houses on the same, and then the rate is leviable on only the annual value of such dwelling-house or dwelling-houses. The following subjects are rated on one-fourth of their annual value :— (1) All lands and premises used as a canal or basin of a canal or towing path for the same, or as a railway or tramway, excepting the station depots and buildings, which are assessable to same extent as other lands and premises within the limits of supply. (2) All water works and underground or other pipes of any water company, corporation, or commissioners. (3) All mines, minerals, and quarries.
Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904, and Kirkcaldy District Water Order, 1912.	Leviable on all lands and heritages within limits of supply, not exceeding 3d. per £.	Leviable on all lands and heritages within the limits of supply, subject to the exemptions noted in next column.	Exemptions similar to those in the East Stirlingshire Water Act, except that railway stations are included with dwelling-houses or other buildings in (*a*). Abatements are conceded similar to those in the East Stirlingshire Water Act, but in addition the abatement of 75 per cent is also extended to gas works and electric power or electric supply works and the underground or other pipes of any gas company, electric power or electric supply company, corporation, or commissioners.

Renfrewshire Upper District (Eastwood and Mearns) Water Act, 1907.	Leviable on all lands and heritages within limits of supply, not exceeding 3d. £.	Leviable on all lands and heritages, within limits of supply, subject to the exemptions noted in next column.	The only subjects exempt are :-- 1. Dwelling houses, railway stations, or other buildings (other than buildings in a private close or place) not actually supplied with water or within 100 yards of which no pipe has been laid. 2. Tenements in a private close or place unless actually supplied with water or unless a pipe has been laid within 100 yards of some part of such close or place, and 3. Agricultural lands unless a pipe has been laid within 100 yards from some dwelling-house or houses on the same, and then the rate is leviable only on the annual value of such dwelling-house or dwelling-houses, but the supply is only to be used for domestic purposes. Should water be required for other than domestic purposes it is to be furnished in respect of assessment of the agricultural lands included in the tenancy at the same rate as the domestic rate or by agreement. No abatement is granted in respect of mines, railways, canals, or public undertakings.
Ayrshire (Loch Bradan) Water Distribution Order Confirmation Act, 1911.	Leviable on all lands and heritages within water supply district, not exceeding 3d. per £.	Leviable on all lands and heritages within water supply district, subject to the exemptions noted in next column.	Same exemptions as in East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900. Abatements are also similar to those in East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900, but in addition the rating on one-fourth annual value is also applicable to "Manufactories."

29th November, 1912.

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INEBRIATES COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 23rd October, 1912, being a Meeting of the Committee of the County Council of Lanark appointed under the Inebriates Acts. 23rd October, 1912.

Present—

J. Raeside Auld. | Walter C. B. Christie.
William Barr. | William Davie.
William Love.

Mr. Barr, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 15th May, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

Newmains Retreat. — Application by Mrs. Wilson for renewal of licence and consent to appointment of deputy.

The Clerk submitted an application from Mrs. Susan Charlotte Wilson, Allanton House, Newmains, for a renewal for a period of two years from 17th October, 1912, of the licence dated 16th December, 1908, granted to her by the County Council under the Inebriates Acts for Newmains Retreat for the reception of 10 female persons.

The application contained a request that the Council should consent to the appointment of Miss E. R. Langlands, residing at Allanton House, whom the applicant proposed to nominate as her deputy, as a permanent officer to act, in terms of Section 3 of the Inebriates Act, 1888, during Mrs. Wilson's temporary absence, for any period or periods not exceeding in all six weeks in any one year.

The Clerk also submitted copy of the intimation of the application which he had inserted in the "Glasgow Herald" newspaper of date 16th October, and stated that he had received no representation regarding, or objection to, the proposed application.

The meeting unanimously resolved to grant the application for renewal of the licence, and remitted to the Clerk to have the necessary endorsation made thereon. The meeting also agreed to give their consent to the appointment of Miss Langlands as deputy.

Application by Mr. A. H. Bishop, Thorntonhall, for permission to take peat from Hairmyres Estate.

The Clerk having submitted a letter from Mr. A. Henderson Bishop, Thorntonhall, requesting permission to take peat from part of the Hairmyres Estate, the meeting, after consideration, agreed that it would be unadvisable to accede to the request, and instructed the Clerk to reply accordingly.

Repair of march fences.

The Clerk reported that, with the authority of the chairman, the march fences had been repaired, the total cost being £48 18s. 1d., but that, in so far as these fences were mutual, the neighbouring proprietor had paid his share of the cost, amounting to £13 5s. 7d.

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ELECTRIC LIGHTING ORDERS.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 30th October, 1912, being a Meeting of the Committee of the County Council of Lanark on Electric Lighting Orders. — 30th October, 1912.

Present—

JAMES ANDERSON.
GEORGE FRASER.
ALEXANDER HAMILTON.
PETER M. MARTIN.
ALEXANDER R. MITCHELL.
JAMES PRENTICE.
GAVIN A. SHANKS.
WILLIAM SPEIRS.
Colonel KING STEWART.

Mr. Martin, chairman of the committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 6th December, 1911, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk stated to the meeting the effect of the provisions of the Glasgow Boundaries Act, 1912, in so far as relating to the Shettleston and Tollcross District Electric Lighting Order Confirmation Act, 1906, which in short was that as regards the area now included within the City of Glasgow the Clyde Valley Company would carry out the provisions of the Order for the Corporation, and that as regards the portion of the electric lighting district still remaining in the County, they would continue to carry out the works for the County Council on the same terms as formerly. — *Effect of Glasgow Boundaries Act, 1912, on Shettleston and Tollcross District Electric Lighting Order Confirmation Act, 1906.*

With regard to the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Order of 1912, the Clerk stated that after the Commissioners appointed in connection with the Order had made the Order, certain objections had been stated by the Scottish Office, especially in connection with the provisions of the Order relating to the period within which borrowed money should be repaid by the County Council, and that after prolonged negotiations and interviews with the Scottish Office, the Secretary for Scotland had agreed to the period for repayment of sums borrowed being fixed at 25 years, and to the payment of interest on sums due to the Company at the date of the Agreement being defrayed during the current and the next two years out of the General Purposes Rate to be levied within the respective lighting districts named in the Agreement. — *Clyde Valley Electrical Power Order of 1912.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting letters which he had received from the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Company, of dates 9th and 11th October, relating to— — *Communications from Clyde Valley Company as to extensions of cables.*

(1) Proposed extension of cables in Causewayside Street, Tollcross, at a cost of £60, the annual revenue being estimated at £10, and

(2) Proposed extension of cables at Bothwell, at a cost of £75, the annual revenue being at least £10, which one consumer had agreed to guarantee.

As regards the former, the Clerk stated that, as it had been ascertained that the extension was situated outside the electric lighting district, the Company had agreed not to proceed with the extension meantime.

The meeting approved of the extension proposed in the Bothwell Electric Lighting District.

Communications from Clyde Valley Electrical Company as to new contracts.

There were also submitted communications from the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Company, intimating that since April last new contracts had been obtained in the following districts, involving approximately the sums hereafter mentioned, viz. :—

(1) Shettleston and Tollcross District—

(*a*) Shettleston District, £45,

(*b*) Tollcross District, £260;

(2) Uddingston District, £90;

(3)Bellshill and Mossend District, £60.

The meeting approved.

Clerk authorised to confer with local representatives in matters of local nature.

The Clerk having suggested that it would be convenient if he could, in the case of extensions of cables and for matters of a local nature, be able to consult with a sub-committee, the meeting agreed that where he considered this advisable he should confer with the local representatives, who are members of this committee, and the meeting agreed that Mr. John Adam's name be added to the committee for this purpose.

Application from Heritors of Cambusnethan Parish for supply of current.

The Clerk stated that he had received an application from the Heritors of Cambusnethan Parish for permission to obtain from the Clyde Valley Company energy for the lighting of the manse situated at Netherton, Wishaw.

The meeting agreed that permission should be granted on the usual conditions.

Remarks by Mr. Martin on demitting office.

Mr. Martin stated that, as this would in all probability, in view of his being a representative of the Burgh of Partick which would shortly be absorbed in Glasgow, be the last meeting at which he would have the pleasure and honour of attending, he took this opportunity of expressing to the members of the committee his indebtedness to them for the support which they had given him, and at the same time his appreciation of the courtesy which had always been shown to him by the members of the committee and by the officials. He further desired to refer to the manner in which the County Clerk had, under most difficult circumstances, carried the schemes of electric lighting in the County into practical effect.

Mr. Speirs, on behalf of the members of the committee, expressed their indebtedness to Mr. Martin for the manner in which he had discharged the duties of chairman, and regretted that circumstances had arisen which would deprive them of his services in the future, and he moved that the committee express their thanks to Mr. Martin for the good work which he had done for the County in his capacity as chairman of this committee.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 6th November, 1912, being a meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 6th November, 1912.

Present—

William Barr.
Colonel Buchanan.
Walter C. B. Christie.
Thomas G. Cowan.
George Fraser.
Robert Lambie.
Colonel Logan.
William Neilson.
Alexander Pillans.
William Speirs.
William Templeton.
James C. Hope Vere.
Thomas Watt.

Mr. Neilson, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederent having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 2nd October, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

Accounts and requisitions, as per precept book, amounting in all to £75,336 10s. 3d., were laid before the meeting, and the same, having been examined, were passed for payment, the precept book being initialed by the chairman and Mr. Speirs. *Accounts and requisitions.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the following statement of loan indebtedness, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee, viz. :— *Statement of loan indebtedness.*

Statement of Loan Indebtedness as at 2nd November, 1912.

Loan indebtedness reported at last meeting, ...		£978,103 10 10	
Loans repaid since last meeting, ...	£22,985 16 8		
Loans taken since last meeting, ...	12,116 1 5		
		10,869 15 3	
		£967,233 15 7	
Sums due to Bank on Capital Accounts, ...		31,626 19 7	
		£998,860 15 2	

The County Fund stands at £112,158 15s. 10d. to the debit, made up as follows:—

Temporary loan under Sec. 67 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1889, ...	£90,000 0 0	
Bank overdraft, ...	22,158 15 10	
		£112,158 15 10

The meeting authorised the Chairman and Mr. Barr to sign a certificate of the accuracy of the bank account as at the date of the bank's balance on 12th October. *Certificate of accuracy of the bank account.*

Middle Ward water requisitions.

There were laid before the meeting requisitions by the District Committee of the Middle Ward for sums required in connection with the Middle Ward Water Undertaking, viz. :—

No. 158 (new), dated 26th October, 1912,	...	...	£2,222 6 4
No. 163 (old), dated 26th October, 1912,	...	...	286 12 6

Licensing Courts for Burghs of Govan and Partick.—Payments to Clerks and Fiscals.

The Clerk drew attention to the statements in the precept book showing the income and expenditure in connection with the Licensing Courts of the Burghs of Govan and Partick. He explained that similar statements had been in use to be rendered immediately after the close of the year on 31st December, but that, as the result of the Glasgow Boundaries Act, the jurisdiction of the Burgh Magistrates for whose expenses the County Council were liable in this matter ceased automatically at the date of annexation and the consequent abolition of the Burgh Courts on 5th November. The meeting passed the statements, and agreed that the payments to the Clerks and Fiscals for work done should be as for the full year, viz. :—Clerk to Govan Licensing Court, £50 ; Fiscal, £45 ; Clerk to Partick Licensing Court, £45 ; Fiscal, £35.

House Letting Act. — New Special Districts.

The Clerk stated that the following special districts had been formed since the adoption by the Council of the House Letting and Rating Act, viz. :—

(1) Leadhills Special Scavenging District ;
(2) Glengowan and Caldercruix Special Lighting District ; and
(3) Shotts and Dykehead Special Drainage District.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed to recommend the Council to adopt the Act within the two special districts last named.

Leadhills.

With regard to Leadhills, the Clerk submitted letters from the Lands Valuation Assessor and the Clerk to the Parish Council of Crawford pointing out the unique position of the houses there, which, though built by the miners, were erected on the land of the superior without any title, and that the superior appeared on the valuation roll as the owner of the houses and the miners as the occupiers. The meeting, after discussion agreed that the Clerk should look into the matter and report to a future meeting.

Airdrie Court-Houses.—Proposed additions.

The Clerk reported that he had had a meeting with Mr. Sheriff Glegg and Mr. Sheriff Taylor, along with Mr. J. Dunn Russell, Clerk to the Airdrie Court-House Commissioners, with reference to the position of matters which had arisen in connection with the additions proposed to be made to the Airdrie Court-Houses. He explained that as the outcome of that meeting what had been suggested as a solution of the difficulties was that the County Council should become responsible for the proposed additions, and that, for the sake of convenience, the Council's powers in the matter be remitted to a Sub-Committee of this Committee, who could, if necessary, act as the Council's quota of a Joint-Committee of the County Council and the Court House Commissioners. The meeting, after discussion, and without prejudice to any legal position which they might ultimately find themselves obliged to take, agreed to recommend that some arrangement such as had been indicated should be accepted by the County Council, and remitted to the following Sub-Committee to confer with the Airdrie Court-House Commissioners with a view to formulating proposals, viz. :—

Remit to sub-committee.

Colonel Buchanan.	William Neilson.
Thomas G. Cowan.	Thomas Watt.

Equivalent Grant.

The Clerk stated that he had received from Government the grant under Section 2 (5) of the Education and Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1892, known as the Equivalent Grant, amounting to £12,806 14s. 11d., being an increase of £1,662 19s. 9d. as compared with that of last year.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed that, contributions be made out of the Grant to—

(1) Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, £100 ; ...
(2) The Lanarkshire Association for Nurses, £50 ;
(3) The Motherwell Public Library, £25 ;
(4) The West of Scotland College of Domestic Science, £500, being £250 in addition to the sum (£250) already agreed to by the committee ;

and that these contributions, together with the contribution already agreed to by the Committee to be given to the Glasgow Veterinary College (Incorporated), be appropriated out of the Grant, subject to the approval of the County Council and to the consent of the Secretary for Scotland.

Allocation of grant.

The meeting thereafter, assuming the approval of the Council and the consent of the Secretary for Scotland, agreed that the Grant be allocated as follows:—

Contribution to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, ...	£100 0 0		
Do. Lanarkshire Association for Nurses, ...	50 0 0		
Do. Glasgow Veterinary College, Incorporated, ...	78 15 0		
Do. Motherwell Public Library, ...	25 0 0		
Do. Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science, ...	500 0 0		
		£753	15 0
	Valuation.		
Upper Ward—for Highways, ...	£353,633 0 0	2,173	3 6
Middle Ward—for Public Health, ...	1,275,421 0 0	7,837	16 5
Lower Ward— do., ...	332,286 0 0	2,042	0 0
	£1,961,340 0 0	£12,806	14 11

Allowances to Assessors under the Registration of Voters Act.

With reference to the allowances to be made for this year to the Assessors under the Registration of Voters Acts, the Clerk explained that an arrangement had been come to whereby the whole cost of the Registers, including the remuneration of the Assessors, for the area added to Glasgow under the Glasgow Boundaries Act would be borne by the Corporation, the County in return making no claim for any proportion of the Registration of Voters' Assessment for the year. He further explained that of the two Assessors affected by the Boundaries Act, Mr. Cram's remuneration had hitherto been £410, and Mr. Francis' £315. The meeting, after consideration, fixed Mr. Cram's remuneration for the voters left in the county at £5, and Mr. Francis' at £245. The allowances to the other Assessors were renewed.

Maintenance of boys in reformatories.

The Clerk stated that he had, on behalf of the County Council, agreed to grant the usual contributions for the maintenance of the following boys, who had been committed to reformatories, viz.:—

(1) Daniel M'Corgy, Blantyre—West Thorn Mills R. C. Reformatory, Parkhead, Glasgow.
(2) Terence O'Hara, New Stevenson—Dalbeth Reformatory.
(3) Thomas Stewart, Cambuslang—Kibble Reformatory, Paisley.

The meeting approved.

Recommendation to increase salaries of two Inspectors for Hamilton District.

There was submitted a communication from Mr. D. W. Hiddleston, Clerk to the Explosives Committee for the Hamilton District of date 28th October, intimating that that committee had resolved to recommend that the salaries of the two Inspectors for the Hamilton District, be increased from £15 to £20 per annum, the increases to take effect as from 1st January last. The meeting, after consideration, approved of the proposed increases and resolved to recommend the County Council accordingly.

Rates.—Insurance of Office Staff.

Arising out of the arrangements whereby the rates, in the option of the ratepayers, became payable at the County Clerk's Office, the meeting approved of the Clerk's suggestion that his staff should be covered by a Fidelity Guarantee Bond, and instructed him to accept the quotation of the Royal Insurance Company for a floating Policy protecting the County Council in respect of the intromissions of every member of the staff in a sum of £5,000, at an annual premium of £32 10s.

4th December, 1912.

Applications relative to borrowing.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting applications for the consent of the Committee to the borrowing of the following sums to meet the cost of capital works, viz. :—

UPPER WARD.

£50 for the erection of public latrines and urinals in Douglas Special Scavenging District.

MIDDLE WARD.

(1) £160 for the provision and erection of lamp pillars and the laying of pipes within the Baillieston Special Lighting District.
(2) £211 for the conversion of gas lamps into electric lamps within the Cambuslang Special Lighting District.
(3) £300 for the provision of lamps, &c., in connection with an extension of electric lighting system within the Cambuslang Special Lighting District;
(4) £900 for the erection of a water tank at Hirst Hill, in the parish of Shotts, and the laying of pipe from Newhouse at Hirst under the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Acts.

LOWER WARD.

(1) (*a*) £150 for the laying of sewer in Pettigrew Street, Shettleston, and (*b*) £1,608 10s. 11d., being the District Committee's quota of the excess Capital Expenditure in connection with the Sewage Purification Works at Westthorn, both within the Barony Special Drainage District;
(2) £247 for the erection of additional lamps and lamp-posts within the Shettleston and Tollcross Special Lighting District.

The meeting, having considered the above applications and the information submitted in relation to them, agreed to recommend the borrowing of the sums above specified, subject to the consent of the Standing Joint Committee being obtained, and the Clerk was instructed to submit the applications to that Committee for their consent.

4th December, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon 4th December, 1912, being a meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

WILLIAM BARR.
THOMAS G. COWAN.
WILLIAM L. DYER.
GEORGE FRASER.
ROBERT LAMBIE.
Colonel LOGAN.
WILLIAM NEILSON.
WILLIAM SPEIRS.
WILLIAM TEMPLETON.
JAMES C. HOPE VERE.

Chairman.

Mr. Neilson, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 6th November, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Accounts and requisitions.

Accounts and requisitions, as per precept book, amounting in all to £107,420 15s. 8d., were laid before the meeting, and the same, having been examined, were passed for payment, the precept book being initialed by the Chairman and Mr. Lambie.

4th December, 1912.

Statement of loan indebtedness.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the following statement of loan indebtedness, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee, viz. :—

STATEMENT OF LOAN INDEBTEDNESS AS AT 30TH NOVEMBER, 1912.

Loan indebtedness reported at last meeting, ...		£967,233 15 7
Loans repaid since last meeting, ...	£153,963 3 3	
Loans taken since last meeting, ...	78,040 0 0	
		75,923 3 3
		£891,310 12 4
Sums due to Bank on Capital Accounts, ...		43,236 1 5
		£934,546 13 9
The County Fund stands at	£179,009 0 0	
to the debit made up as follows :—		
Temporary Loan under Section 67 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1889, ...	£90,000 0 0	
*Bank Overdraft, ...	89,009 0 0	
	£179,009 0 0	

* Under the Glasgow Boundaries Act there is receivable from the Corporation of Glasgow on 11th December a sum of £82,500, which will reduce the Bank Overdraft by that amount.

Proposed acquisition by Upper Ward District Committee of strip of ground at Linnbank.

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from the Clerk to the District Committee of the Upper Ward, of date 21st November, with reference to a proposal by the District Committee to acquire a strip of ground for the improvement of the Lanark and Hamilton Highway at Linnbank, at the price of £20. The Clerk having explained that the proprietors of the ground in question considered that a formal conveyance would not be necessary, and that the arrangement could rest on the terms of the minutes of the Upper Ward District Committee bearing on the subject, the meeting, after consideration, and on a statement by the Clerk that it was the practice to take a formal title in all cases, agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Clerk, with powers.

Statement of costs, charges, and expenses in promoting and opposing Bills and Orders last session.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a statement, together with relative vouchers, of the costs, charges, and expenses incurred by the County Council in promoting and opposing Bills and Orders last session. The following is an abstract :—

Advertising meetings of County Council and Resolutions,		£201 7 8
Opposition to Glasgow Boundaries Bill, ...		12,213 4 3
Promotion of County of Lanark Tramways Bill, ...	£4,488 14 9	
Expenses of Burghs, ...	1,272 12 11	
		5,761 7 8
Promotion of Glasgow Water Charges Bill, ...		433 1 0
Opposition to Clyde Valley Electrical Power Order, ...		50 13 8
Opposition to Glasgow Corporation Bill, ...		8 11 8
Opposition to Caledonian Railway Bill, ...		5 7 2
		£18,673 13 1

Glasgow Boundaries Bill.

The Clerk explained that with regard to the expenses incurred in connection with the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, the total expenses included the sum of £380 voted by the Parliamentary Bills Committee to the County Clerk and his staff, in recognition of special services, and that the total amount of £12,213 4s. 3d. was within the estimate of the expenditure upon which the settlement with the Corporation of Glasgow was based, in virtue of which they undertook to pay a sum of £12,500 towards the County Council's expenses.

As regards the expenses incurred in connection with the promotion of the Lanark County Tramways Bill, the Clerk stated that there were certain items in the accounts rendered which he considered should not form a charge against the County Council, and that he proposed to report to the Committee at a future meeting on the sums which he thought should be disallowed.

The meeting instructed the Clerk to transmit the accounts when checked and adjusted by him, together with relative vouchers, to the Auditor of the Court of Session, who had been appointed by the Secretary for Scotland to examine them.

Grant under Agricultural Rates Act.—Communication from Under Secretary for Scotland.

There was submitted a communication from the Under Secretary for Scotland which was in the following terms, viz. :—

"Scottish Office,
"Whitehall, S.W.,
"30th November, 1912.

"SIR,

"AGRICULTURAL RATES GRANT, 1912-13.

"I am directed by the Secretary for Scotland to point out that the changes of county assessment areas affected by the Glasgow Boundaries Act, 1912, will apparently require to be taken into account in allocating the grant under Section 4 (3) of the Agricultural Rates, &c. (Scotland) Act, 1896, but that before dealing with the matter pursuant to Section 2 (4) of that Act, he will be glad to be favoured with any remarks you may have to offer as to the areas affected on behalf of the County Council.

"I am, &c.,
"JAMES M. DODDS."

Clerk's reply.

The Clerk explained the purport of the reply which he had made to the Under Secretary, and which was in the following terms, viz. :—

"County Offices,
"Hamilton, 3rd December, 1912.

"SIR,

"AGRICULTURAL RATES GRANT, 1912-13.

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo in which the Secretary for Scotland has been good enough to afford me an opportunity of offering any observations that I may have to make in regard to the suggestion that the changes of County assessment areas effected by the Glasgow Boundaries Act, 1912, may require to be taken into account in allocating the Grant under Section 4 (3) of the Agricultural Rates, &c (Scotland), Act, 1896.

"In reply I would respectfully point out that, as you are aware, the question does not arise on any adjustment as between the Corporation and this County Council, as any loss that might be entailed on the County Council would not result in a corresponding benefit to the Corporation of Glasgow.

"The effect of any alteration on the basis of allocation, which has subsisted since the Act of 1896 was passed, will therefore merely be to take from Lanarkshire and add to the General Fund to be distributed the share of the original Fund which was allocated to Lanarkshire in respect of the valuation of agricultural lands as at 1896 in the area added to Glasgow.

"As you are aware, this County Council have repeatedly represented to the Secretary for Scotland that they are suffering serious loss as a result of the allocation of the fund being based on facts as they existed in 1896. The proposal, therefore, to alter the basis of distribution in one particular, while adhering to the stereotyped principle which is so detrimental to the interests of this County, is accordingly one that does not commend itself to the Council.

"The view hitherto taken has, I think, been that, pending such an alteration of the provisions of the Act of 1896 as would produce a more equitable distribution, each Rating Authority must accept the gross payment to which it was entitled under the first distribution, and I am not aware that, although there have been several changes in the boundaries of counties since the Act was passed, any change in the distribution has been made hitherto, though, of course, I may be misinformed as to this.

"While I have thus expressed my views on what may be termed the equity of the question, I have no desire to raise any captious criticism of what the Secretary for Scotland suggests, if, on reconsideration, he should still be of opinion that the powers conferred on him by Sub-section 4 of Section 2 of the Act should be invoked. I do, however, suggest that that Sub-section may, on a strict construction of it, require to be read along with Sub-section (1) of Section 1 of the Act, and that the "consolidated rate" being the aggregate of all the County rates, if I can show that the amount of that rate exceeds what it stood at in 1896, any alteration under Section 2 (4) must be limited to regulating the distribution of the gross sum payable to the County Council, *inter se*, on the basis of the year 1896.

"If I might be permitted to offer one other observation on the general question, it would be to suggest that, pending an alteration in the basis of distribution, the trouble involved in making adjustments to provide for the changes that have taken place since 1896 would not be commensurate with the benefit to be derived The proposed change, for instance, would, as regards this County, only result in throwing into the General Fund a comparatively small sum of, say thirty pounds, or thereby, which, when divided all over Scotland, would produce no appreciable effect.

"I am, SIR,

"Your obedient Servant,

"THOS. MUNRO,
"*County Clerk.*"

The meeting approved of the Clerk's action.

Communication from County Councils' Association regarding financial adjustments.

The Clerk submitted a communication from the Secretary of the County Councils' Association, of date 22nd November, on the subject of the cost of the Inquiry on Financial Adjustments before the Select Committee of the Houses of Parliament, and stating that the total expense incurred by the Association amounted to £1,004 0s. 5d., to which the Association had devoted £250 of their accumulated funds towards the cost of the Counties' case, and that there had been received from 23 of the affiliated County Councils contributions amounting to £605, which, together with the £250 referred to, made a total of £855, leaving a balance of £149 0s. 5d. to be provided. The Clerk having reminded the meeting of the attitude taken up by this County Council in the matter, the meeting, after consideration, agreed to make a contribution of £100 to the funds of the Association.

National Insurance Act.—Sanatorium benefit.

In the same communication the Secretary of the County Councils' Association drew attention to the National Insurance Act, and the situation in view of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's proposal to take away 6d. of the 1s. 3d. allowed for sanatorium benefit. The meeting, after discussion, instructed the Clerk to take such action as he might consider necessary with a view to preventing the reduction of the allowance for sanatorium benefit.

Pension of George Mackay, late Governor of Hamilton Prison.

In connection with the pension payable to George Mackay, late Governor of Hamilton Prison, the Clerk reported that, owing to the pensioner's mental condition, the Exchequer had agreed to make payment of the proportion of the pension payable by the Government to Mrs. Mackay upon the production by her of a certificate as to her husband's mental incapacity, and a declaration by her that she would be responsible for the cost of her husband's maintenance in an institution. The meeting, in the circumstances, agreed to adopt the same procedure as the Exchequer, and to make payment of the County's proportion of the pension to Mrs. Mackay, and to take a discharge from herself and her daughter.

Applications relative to borrowing.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting applications for the consent of the committee to the borrowing of the following sums to meet the cost of capital works, viz. :—

Lower Ward—

£70 for the laying of a sewer in Lindsaybeg Road, within the Chryston and Muirhead Special Drainage District.

The County—

£200 for the purpose of completing the provision of fire hydrants in the district of the Middle Ward.

The meeting, having considered the above applications, and the information submitted in relation to them, agreed to recommend the borrowing of the sums above specified, subject to the consent of the Standing Joint-Committee being obtained, and the Clerk was instructed to submit the applications to that committee for their consent.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

JOINT-MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 13th November, 1912, being a Joint-Meeting of the Finance Committee and the Parliamentary Bills Committee appointed in regard to arrangements requiring to be made consequent upon the recent extension of the City of Glasgow. 13th November, 1912.

Present—

John Adam.	Robert Lambie.
James Anderson.	Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
William Barr.	William Love.
Colonel Buchanan.	William M. Marshall.
Walter C. B. Christie.	William Neilson.
Thomas G. Cowan.	Gavin A. Shanks.
James H. Fenton.	Colonel King Stewart.
George Fraser.	William Sym.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.	William Templeton.
Alexander Hamilton.	James Tonner.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.	

James C. Hope Vere.

Colonel King Stewart was appointed chairman of the joint-meeting. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the remit to the joint-committee by the County Council, which was in the following terms, viz. :— *Remit from County Council.*

"That it be remitted to a joint-committee, consisting of the members of the Parliamentary Bills Committee and of the Finance Committee, to consider and report in regard to matters arising out of the recent City of Glasgow Extension Act, and as to any changes which it may be necessary or advisable to make consequent upon the extension of the City of Glasgow, and also to consider any proposals for an alteration of Electoral Divisions or Parish Wards in other parts of the County."

The Clerk having made a statement as to the matters which would fall to be dealt with by the joint-committee, it was agreed that the following sub-committee be appointed to consider the several matters coming within the remit and to report, viz. :— *Remit to sub-committee.*

George Fraser.	William Speirs.
William Neilson.	Colonel King Stewart.

James C. Hope Vere.

Colonel King Stewart to be chairman of the sub-committee and two a quorum.

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MINUTES

OF THE

COUNTY ROAD BOARD

OF THE

COUNTY OF LANARK.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 20th November, 1912, being a Meeting of the County Road Board of the County of Lanark — 20th November, 1912.

Present—

J. Raeside Auld.	Alexander R. Mitchell.
W. W. Chapman.	William Neilson.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.	James C. Pollok.
Robert Lambie.	Colonel King Stewart.
William Love.	James C. Hope Vere.

Colonel King Stewart, chairman of the Board, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting, which was in the following terms, viz. :— *Notice calling meeting.*

COUNTY OF LANARK.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 14th November, 1912.

Sir,

I am to request your attendance at a Meeting of the County Road Board, to be held in the County Buildings, Glasgow, *on Wednesday next, 20th current, at Twelve o'clock noon,* to consider the propriety of recommending the County Council to declare that the Roads and Streets named in List No. I. annexed hereto shall be Highways within the meaning and for the purposes of the said Act, and as such shall be added to the List of the Roads, Highways, and Bridges made up under Section 41 thereof; that the Road or part of road named in List No. II. annexed hereto shall cease to be a Highway within the meaning and for the purposes of the said Act; and that the Road or part of road named in List No. III. annexed hereto shall be shut up.

There will be submitted to the meeting recommendations by the District Committees of the Upper and Middle Wards relative to the following road improvements, viz. :—

Upper Ward—

The widening of Kirklands Bridge on the main parish road in the Parish of Dunsyre, £70.

MIDDLE WARD—

1. The widening and improvement of Luggie Highway (Belvidere Road), Bellshill, in the Parish of Bothwell, £60.

2. The widening and improvement of Bothwell Highway (at the corner of Church Street and Main Street), Uddingston, in the Parish of Bothwell, £100.

3. An improvement of Calderbank Highway at Calderbank, in the Parish of Old Monkland, £35.

The meeting will also be asked to consider a report by the Clerk as to the action of Suspension and Interdict raised by the Lanarkshire Tramways Company against the County Authorities in connection with the construction of Coronation Road, New Stevenston.

The meeting may take up and dispose of any other competent business.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

LIST No. I.

MIDDLE WARD.

PARISH OF GLASFORD—

The new or diverted portion of Muirburn Highway, from a point at the entrance to Glasford Burial Ground, southwards through Manse Garden to the junction of the existing Highway, a distance of 31 yards or thereby.

LOWER WARD.

PARISH OF CADDER—

Beechmount Road, from the termination of the existing Highway to Auchinloch Road, a distance of 109 yards or thereby.

LIST No. II.

MIDDLE WARD.

PARISH OF GLASFORD—

Muirburn Highway, from a point at the entrance to Kirkstyle Farm southwards to its junction with the new or diverted portion of road, a distance of 10 yards or thereby.

LIST No. III.

MIDDLE WARD.

PARISH OF GLASFORD—

Muirburn Highway, from a point at the entrance to Kirkstyle Farm southwards to its junction with the new or diverted portion of road, a distance of 10 yards or thereby.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, of date 4th September, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed.

Roads to be taken over.

There having been submitted recommendations by the District Committees of the Middle and Lower Wards of the County on the subject of highways, as specified in the notice, and the meeting, having considered the same, agreed that, on certificates being obtained in each case from the Road Surveyor that the roads were in a satisfactory condition to be taken over, the County Council should be recommended that the following roads should be declared to be highways within the meaning and for the purposes of the

Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, and, as such, should be added to the List of roads, highways, and bridges made up under Section 41 thereof :—

MIDDLE WARD.

PARISH OF GLASFORD—

The new or diverted portion of Muirburn Highway, from a point at the entrance to Glasford Burial Ground, southwards through Manse Garden to the junction of the existing Highway, a distance of 31 yards or thereby.

LOWER WARD.

PARISH OF CADDER—

Beechmount Road, from the termination of the existing Highway to Auchinloch Road, a distance of 109 yards or thereby.

Road to be taken off list of highways.

The meeting further agreed on the proposal of the District Committee of the Middle Ward to recommend that the following road or part of road shall cease to be a highway within the meaning and for the purposes of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, viz. :—

PARISH OF GLASFORD—

Muirburn Highway, from a point at the entrance to Kirkstyle Farm southwards to its junction with the new or diverted portion of road, a distance of 10 yards or thereby.

Road to be shut up.

The meeting also resolved to recommend the County Council to declare, in terms of Section 43 of the said Act, that the portion of Muirburn Highway above described shall be shut up.

Road improvements.

On the recommendation of the District Committees of Upper and Middle Wards, the Board approved of the following road improvements, viz. :—

UPPER WARD—

The widening of Kirklands Bridge on the main parish road in the Parish of Dunsyre, £70.

MIDDLE WARD—

1. The widening and improvement of Luggie Highway (Belvidere Road), Bellshill, in the Parish of Bothwell, £60.
2. The widening and improvement of Bothwell Highway (at the corner of Church Street and Main Street), Uddingston, in the Parish of Bothwell, £100.
3. An improvement of Calderbank Highway at Calderbank, in the Parish of Old Monkland, £35.

Action at instance of Lanarkshire Tramways Company against County Council and Middle Ward District Committee regarding Coronation St., New Stevenston.

With regard to the action at the instance of the Lanarkshire Tramways Company against the County Council and the District Committee of the Middle Ward, with respect to the application towards the cost of constructing Coronation Street, New Stevenston, of a portion of the monies payable by that company under the Lanarkshire Tramways Acts, the Clerk explained the position in which the action now stood, and stated proposals which had been made with a view to avoiding further litigation.

Remit to committee.

The meeting, after discussion, appointed the members of the Board present to be a committee to further consider the matter, with full power to take such action in connection therewith as they may see fit.

Complaints regarding heavy motor vehicles.—Communication from Chief Constable.

The Clerk submitted a communication from the Chief Constable of the County, of date 28th October, stating that he had received complaints of the difficulty experienced by motorists and others in attracting the attention of the drivers of traction engines and heavy motor lorries, when they desire to pass ; that these heavy vehicles keep the crown of the road, with the result that on narrow roads other traffic cannot pass until they draw to one side ; and, further, that, owing to the noise, the drivers

cannot hear overtaking motors or carriages. The Chief Constable accordingly suggested that powers should be obtained to compel heavy motor vehicles to have mirrors fitted to reflect the road behind them.

The Clerk having explained that while English County Councils had power to make bye-laws relative to all vehicles, the powers of County Councils in Scotland in this matter were somewhat restricted, the meeting, after consideration, expressed the view that the present law as affecting road traffic was most unsatisfactory, and remitted to the Clerk to take such steps as he might consider necessary with a view to a thorough revision of the statutes dealing with the subject.

Letter from Stepps Ratepayers' Association representing necessity for imposing speed limit on motor cars at Stepps.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from the Stepps Ratepayers' Association, representing the necessity for imposing a speed limit on motor cars as they pass through the village of Stepps.

The meeting, after consideration, while they did not think it desirable to impose any speed limit, instructed the Clerk to communicate with the Automobile Association, with a view to the erection of caution notices, should that be considered necessary, and also to request the Chief Constable to take such measures as may result in putting a stop to inconsiderate action on the part of drivers of motor cars passing through Stepps district.

COMMITTEE REGARDING ACTION BY LANARKSHIRE TRAMWAYS COMPANY.

27th November, 1912.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 27th November, 1912, being a Meeting of the Committee of the County Road Board appointed with reference to the action by the Lanarkshire Tramways Company against the County Authorities in the matter of Coronation Street, New Stevenston.

Present—

James Hamilton Houldsworth.	Alexander R. Mitchell.
Robert Lambie.	William Neilson.
William Love.	Col. King Stewart.

James C. Hope Vere.

Chairman.

Colonel King Stewart presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Remit.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the remit to the committee, as contained in the minutes of the County Road Board, of date 20th instant.

Recommendation to County Council to agree to joint-minute withdrawing action.

The meeting, after consideration, and after hearing a statement by the Clerk, agreed to recommend the County Council to agree to a joint-minute withdrawing the action from the Court, provided that the Company consent to the appropriation of the sum in dispute being applied towards the cost of the construction of Coronation Street, and on the understanding that each Authority pays its own expenses, subject to a payment of One hundred guineas by the County Authorities to the Company in respect of expenses incurred since the appeal by the County against the decision of the Lord Ordinary was lodged.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 27th November, 1912, being a Meeting of the Public Health Committee of the County Council of Lanark. — 27th November, 1912.

Present—

John Adam.	William Love.
James Cameron.	Alexander R. Mitchell.
Thomas G. Cowan.	William Neilson.
James H. Fenton.	James Prentice.
George Fraser.	Gavin A. Shanks.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Speirs.
Robert Lambie.	Colonel King Stewart.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.	James Tonner.
	James C. Hope Vere.

Attending—

Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

Mr. Lambie, chairman of the committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of last meeting of the committee, of date 25th September, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

The minutes of the Sub-Committee appointed in connection with Milk Standard, of date 6th November (Appendix), which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. — *Sub-Committee re Milk Standard.*

There was submitted to the meeting Report by the County Medical Officer under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act, and the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, for the month of September, a print of which had been sent to each member of the committee. — *Report by County Medical Officer for month of September.*

With reference to the actions against the Burghs of Airdrie and Coatbridge, the Clerk submitted a letter which he had received from the Town-Clerk of Airdrie, stating that the Town Council, after an interview with Mr. Carter, had given instructions to withdraw the appeal against the decision of the Sheriff. — *Actions against Burghs of Airdrie and Coatbridge.—Withdrawal of appeal by Burgh of Airdrie.*

As regards the Burgh of Coatbridge, the Clerk reported that the Town Council had intimated their intention to proceed with their appeal by way of a special case, and that the Sheriff had fixed 2nd proximo for a debate on its competency.

The Clerk stated that, as instructed at last meeting, he had communicated with the proprietors of Westwood Colliery, from whom a promise had been obtained that the necessary measures would at once be taken to remove the cause of complaint. — *Rivers Pollution Prevention.—Westwood Colliery.*

Blantyre Ferme Colliery.

There was laid before the meeting a report from the County Medical Officer relating to pollution arising from Blantyre Ferme Colliery by coal-dross washing operations. The Clerk stated that he had communicated with the proprietors, Messrs. A. G. Moore & Co., from whom he submitted a reply as to the measures which they had adopted to prevent pollution.

Coltness Iron Works.

There was also submitted to the meeting Report by Dr. Wilson as to the pollution of the Auchter Water by spent ammoniacal liquor from the Coltness Iron Works. The Clerk stated that he had communicated with the offenders, but that as yet no reply had been received from them.

Pollution of South Calder Water.—Communication from factor for Lord Belhaven and Stenton.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a communication which he had received from Mr. Matthew G. Burt, factor for Lord Belhaven and Stenton, relating to the pollution of the South Calder Water.

The Clerk stated that he had communicated with Mr. Burt informing him that the condition of the stream had frequently been before the County Council, and was continuing to receive their consideration, and that application had been made to the Secretary for Scotland for his consent to institute proceedings against the proprietors of the Stane and Kepplehill Collieries, which, it was believed, were the chief sources of pollution.

Communication from Donald Currie, Gimmerscroft Farm, by Airdrie, as to pollution of burn near his farm.

There was also submitted a communication from Mr. Donald Currie, Gimmerscroft Farm, by Airdrie, relating to the condition of the burn which passes through his farm. As relative thereto the Clerk submitted a report by the County Medical Officer, stating that the pollution complained of arose chiefly from sewage from workmen's houses at Gartness Rows, which drained into the burn referred to.

The meeting, after consideration, remitted to the Chairman, the County Medical Officer, and the Clerk, to take such action in the matter as they may deem expedient.

Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.—Prosecutions.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting statement showing the results of prosecutions under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, in the following cases, viz. :—

Name and Address of Accused.	Nature of Complaint.	Result of Prosecution.
James M'Naught, Provision Merchant, 178 Broad Street, Glasgow	Margarine — Improper labelling	Convicted and fined £3 or 5 days
Robert Atkinson, Dairyman, Burnbrae, High Blantyre	Sweet milk—deficient in milk fat 11 per cent.	Convicted and fined £25 or 60 days
Andrew Bell, Dairyman, Walkingway Farm, by Hamilton	Sweet milk—deficient in milk fat 10 per cent.	Pled guilty and fined £4 or 21 days

Resignation of Dr. John A. Watt, Senior Assistant Medical Officer.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a communication which he had received from Dr. Watt, Senior Assistant Medical Officer, intimating that, having accepted the appointment of Tuberculosis Officer to the Derbyshire County Council, he now tendered his resignation of the office of Assistant Medical Officer of Health as at 15th December next, and asking him to convey to the members of the Public Health Committee his thanks for the many personal kindnesses shown to him.

The meeting, after consideration, authorised the County Medical Officer to fill the vacancy meantime by engaging another temporary assistant, at a salary of £200 per annum, and agreed that in the event of his failing to obtain a temporary assistant at this salary, to consult with the sub-committee appointed at last meeting. to whom full power was given to fix the remuneration.

APPENDIX.

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SUB-COMMITTEE REGARDING MILK STANDARD.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 6th November, 1912, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Public Health Committee of the County Council of Lanark appointed in connection with prosecutions under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts relating to the sale of milk. 6th November, 1912.

Present—

Colonel Buchanan. | Robert Lambie.
William Love.

Attending—

Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

Mr. Lambie, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the remit to the sub-committee as contained in the minutes of the Public Health Committee, of date 25th September last, which was in the following terms, viz. :— *Remit.*

"The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from the Town-Clerk of Airdrie, of date 4th September, directing the attention of this Local Authority to recent decisions of the Court in connection with prosecutions under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts in connection with the sale of milk, and which, from the point of view of Local Authorities, were most unsatisfactory, and suggesting that Local Authorities should take action with a view to the law or the Regulations of the Board of Agriculture on the subject being amended.

The meeting, after consideration, appointed the following sub-committee to consider the question raised and to take such action thereanent as they may consider advisable, viz. :—

J. P. Baird. Robert Lambie.
Colonel Buchanan. William Love.
Colonel King Stewart.

Mr. Lambie to be chairman of the sub-committee, and two a quorum."

The Clerk laid before the meeting Notes on Prosecutions, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, for Deficient Milk (Appendix), a print of which he had sent to each member of the Sub-Committee. *Notes on prosecutions under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts for deficient milk.*

The meeting, after discussion, and the County Medical Officer having stated that he was in course of carrying out experiments, with the object of estimating the effect on the quality of milk by difference in feeding and in the method and times of milking, agreed to continue the matter for further consideration. *County Medical Officer reports carrying out of experiments.*

NOTES ON PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS FOR DEFICIENT MILK.

The present agitation against the Sale of Milk Regulations, on the ground that they operate unfairly, is founded on a misconception of the effect of these Regulations in Prosecutions under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

The Regulations lay down that where a sample of milk contains less than 3 per cent. of milk fat, or 8·5 per cent. of milk solids other than milk fat, it shall be presumed, until the contrary is proved, that the milk is not genuine by reason of the abstraction therefrom of milk fat in the one case, or of milk solids other than milk fat in the other case, or the addition in either case of water.

The whole question at issue centres round the interpretation of the expression "until the contrary is proved"—in other words, "until the genuineness of the milk is established." In Scotland genuineness was usually held to mean milk as it came from the cow, but in England the High Court in one case took the view that milk could not be said to be genuine even though it was in the condition in which it came from the cow if the cow had been so treated as to give a milk below the limit set by the Regulations, these Regulations having resulted in the establishment of the commercial article known as sweet milk of the nature required by the Regulations. Recently a full Bench of the High Court of Justiciary decided this English case was unsound, and that no matter how the cow had been treated the milk which it gave was genuine sweet milk.

A fallacy it is thought underlies both of the cases above mentioned. It was assumed in them that a single cow, even a herd, could be so treated and fed as regularly to give milk below the limit of the Regulations. This assumption is not borne out in practice. Indeed, were a method of treatment and feeding adopted which was calculated to reduce the milk fat content of the produce of the herd, this could only be done at the expense of the health of the cattle, and the dairyman who adopted it would almost certainly be a severe loser.

In practice it is found that while the milk of a single cow varies considerably and may fall below the standard, the mixed milk of a herd seldom does so. It was, of course, upon elaborate evidence to this effect that the Regulations were framed. Keeping this in view, the real absurdity of the recent case decided by the High Court of Justiciary as affording a guide otherwise than on the point of the genuineness or not of milk coming from a cow becomes apparent. The milk in that case on analysis showed 2·57 per cent. of milk fat and 7·51 per cent. of solids other than milk fat. The Sheriff held that the deficiency here found was due to a method of feeding purposely adopted to produce quantity irrespective of quality. The only comment that can be made on this finding, remembering that the milk was the produce of a herd, is that the Sheriff was absolutely mistaken, and it is known that his opinion of such a milk is not shared by certain other Sheriffs on the Bench. The milk could scarcely have been genuine, though the real reason of its deficiency might not have appeared at the Proof. The Sheriff having decided as he did, it was unfortunate that the Local Authority prosecuting should have appealed the case to the High Court of Justiciary, as there being no review of the Sheriff's decision on facts in such an Appeal, a wrong impression has been given by the decision of the High Court.

The above case does not affect the question of proof of genuineness except as we have before mentioned. The question remains, what is to be accepted in a prosecution as proof of the genuineness of the milk. It is admitted that a single cow may give deficient milk, and there is a possibility that the milk of a mixed herd

may on very rare occasions fall below the standard to a certain extent. This extent is, however, limited. Accordingly when the milk is certified to be, say, 5 per cent. under the standard, the presumption raised by the Regulations may be comparatively easily overcome by the evidence of the persons who handled the milk all stating that they did not tamper with it. When, however, the deficiency is higher, say 10 per cent., as in a recent case, the presumption is stronger. The question as it presents itself to a Sheriff in such circumstances is thus—

(1) Was this the milk of a single cow? In very few cases is this defence put forward, and it seldom has to be considered.

(2) If this is not the milk of a single cow, for what reason is it so far below the standard? Is there evidence that milk from a herd might in the particular circumstances of the case fall so low? The presumption of the Regulations is against it, and experience is also against it.

(3) What is the evidence, with this presumption against it, that the milk is genuine? Everybody who handled the milk has been examined, and stated that it was not tampered with. The Prosecutor, however, has, of course, no means of testing severely in cross examination the evidence given, as he is necessarily unaware of the circumstances attending the handling of the milk. The question for the Sheriff then on these considerations is—"Do I believe the witnesses who say that the milk was sold as it came from the cow or has it been altered." If he believes these witnesses, and thinks that the deficiency is not so great as cannot have occurred naturally, he acquits. If he considers that the deficiency is too great, or disbelieves the witnesses, he convicts. In considering a case the Sheriff has in his mind how seldom it is in ordinary experience that the milk of a herd falls below the standard, the somewhat extraordinary coincidence that this falling below the standard should have occurred on the particular day that the Inspector happened to purchase a sample and the ease with which the quality of milk as taken from the cow can, with no possibility of direct detection, be affected by the abstraction of cream, by the addition of the skim milk of a previous milking, or by the addition of water. Further, a case may be figured, and more than one has actually occurred in Lanarkshire, where the analysis of the milk showed that it could not have come from the cow, and, indeed, was admitted by the evidence for the defence as showing a deficiency both in milk fat and in solids other than milk fat that had never been found in natural milk. Yet in these cases evidence was brought by the persons who handled the milk that they had not tampered with it. Whatever the true explanation was, and though this explanation did not appear from the evidence, the conclusion was inevitable that the witnesses who said they had not tampered with the milk were not telling the truth, or that it had been altered outwith their knowledge.

It has been said that there is hardship to a dairyman in having to prove the genuineness of his milk. In the prosecutions taken in Lanarkshire the deficiency is always of such an extent as to raise a very strong presumption that the milk is not genuine. Experience has shown that in such cases only evidence tested on oath before the Sheriff can be accepted. Previous explanations are unreliable. In one case the defence was that the milk, which was very deficient, was that of a single cow. An explanation given previous to the Proof appeared plausible, but at the Proof the three women who were examined each gave a different story, and one indeed admitted that the milk of this particular cow was so good that it had been specially set aside for cream. If the Prosecutor recollects rightly, the conclusion come to by the Sheriff was that it was quite true that the milk sold was that of a single cow, but it was after the greater part of the cream had been abstracted. In any case, he was satisfied that the defence was untrue, and he said he had no difficulty in convicting.

It has been suggested that where the Local Authority is unsuccessful in a prosecution, the defence should be awarded expenses. Such a course would be contrary to the general law specifically re-enacted in the Summary Jurisdiction (Scotland) Act, 1908, which exempted all persons prosecuting in the public interest from liability for expenses. Besides, it has to be borne in mind that no prosecution is taken except in the case of what in fact is a very inferior milk being sold to the

public. A dairyman can scarcely complain if, selling such milk, he is put to the expense of convincing a Sheriff that the milk is as it came from the cow. As a matter of fact, the expense involved should seldom exceed a couple of pounds. It must be remembered also, as before pointed out, that the prosecuting Authority can have no knowledge of the circumstances connected with the milk prior to their purchase of it. All they know is that deficient milk has been sold to them, and, as we have said, the genuineness or not of that milk can only be properly tested by evidence led on oath before a Judge.

The number of milk cases brought before the Court in Lanarkshire has been considerable. In every case the endeavour has been on the part of the Prosecutor to have the question enquired into by the Court with the utmost fairness to the seller of the milk. In no case can the Prosecutor say that in his view a seller was unjustly convicted. There has been always some, possibly small, item of evidence, some prevarication on the part of one of the witnesses called, some denial of a circumstance otherwise proved which has turned the scale in the Sheriff's mind in favour of conviction. It comes back to this that the Sheriff must be satisfied of the truth of the evidence for the defence. He must judge of the witnesses before him by such matters as have been mentioned which cannot be subject of report, and, as said, the Prosecutor is not aware of any case in Lanarkshire in which a Sheriff in convicting has acted unfairly to the accused.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

JOINT-COMMITTEE ON CAMBUSLANG ELECTRIC LIGHTING, &c.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 27th November, 1912, being a meeting of the Joint-Committee of the County Council of Lanark and of the District Committee of the Middle Ward in connection with the Electricity and Refuse Destructor Works at Cambuslang. 27th November, 1912.

Present—

Owen Coyle. | William Love.
Robert Lambie. | James Tonner.

Attending—

J. M. M. Munro, Consulting Engineer.
D. M. Eunson, Resident Engineer.

Mr. Love, chairman of the joint-committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the joint-committee, of date 25th September, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting, the Clerk reported that he had, with the authority of the chairman, accepted the offer of Messrs. Callender's Cable and Construction Company, for the supply and laying of the cables in connection with the extensions for street lighting in the districts of Tanzieknowe, Stewarton Drive (West), Brownside Road, Somerville Road, West Coats Road, Whitefield Avenue, and Wellside Drive, Halfway, according to the specification prepared by the Resident Engineer, amounting to £384, which included a sum of £28 set aside for fittings, which would be required by the District Committee. The meeting approved. *Extensions for street lighting.—Acceptance of Messrs. Callender's offer.*

The Resident Engineer submitted to the meeting report (Appendix I.) prepared by him as to the cost of supplying electrical energy to Gateside Colliery— *Proposed supply of electrical energy to Gateside Colliery.—Report by Resident Engineer.*

(1) Partly from Clyde Valley Company, and

(2) Wholly from the Electricity Works.

The meeting, after discussion, and explanations by the Resident Engineer, agreed that it would be inexpedient for the committee to afford a supply to the extent required, and instructed the Clerk to reply accordingly. *No supply to be given.*

With reference to the maintenance of the battery, the Clerk stated that offers had been invited from four firms, but that an offer had been received from only one of these, viz., the Chloride Electrical Storage Co., Ltd., which amounted to £63 per annum. *Maintenance of battery.—Offers.*

Offer of Electrical Power Storage Co., renewed.

The meeting, after consideration, instructed the Clerk to renew the present Agreement with the Electrical Power Storage Co., Ltd., for a further period of five years at an increased premium of £10, *i.e.*, £50 per annum in all, on the conditions stated in the letter from that company, of date 24th September last.

Letter from Mr. J. M. M. Munro.

The Clerk submitted and read to the meeting a letter which he had received from Mr. J. M. M. Munro, which was in the following terms, viz. :—

"108 Douglas Street,
"Blythswood Square,
"Glasgow, 5th November, 1912.

"DEAR SIR,

"CAMBUSLANG ACCOUNTS.

"I have written again to Messrs. Callender who are delaying me in getting my accounts finished off. They cannot be much longer now.

"REGARDING THE FLUES FOR THE NEW BOILERS.

"When the new boiler was set to work we were troubled by occasional puffs of back-draught. These were sometimes quite severe, and therefore a little dangerous for the fireman if he happened to be working at the boiler front. On instructing him to fire with one door at a time (which is the proper way) this trouble was obviated, but I feel that it is desirable to make ourselves less dependent upon careful firing for the avoidance of this trouble.

"After experimental investigation on the spot, I concluded that the trouble was due to the provision which we have made for future extensions. These meantime unnecessary spaces give time to the gases to separate into their constituents. The result of this is that the heavier non-inflammable gases get to the bottom of the overhead space, and are carried away to the chimney in the main current, while the lighter gases accumulate, so that they flame at intervals and produce concussions.

"I propose to leave the flues as they are, ready for extensions, but to construct an inner wall and cover, so that the Babcock boiler or boilers may have a straight and confined passage direct to their outlet near the chimney. I have asked Messrs Sproul & Son for an estimate for this alteration.

"The original plans were submitted to Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox, Ltd., who had no fault to find with them, indeed the working plan they themselves submitted had rather more sharply formed recesses than the general plan which I gave them to indicate my intentions. Coming from them I passed the drawings, because, if entirely successful, they would have saved the additional building which I now propose to execute.

"So soon as I get the price from Messrs. Sproul I will send it on to you.

"I am,

"Yours faithfully,

"J. M. M. MUNRO."

The Clerk submitted a further letter from Mr. Munro intimating that the cost of the additional building and flues would be approximately £25.

The meeting, after discussion, and having heard a statement by Mr. J. M. M. Munro, agreed that the work should be proceeded with without delay, and that Mr. Munro should endeavour to recover at least part of the extra cost from the firm who carried out the work in which the defect had arisen.

Works Record.

The Clerk submitted the works record (Appendix II.), a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee.

Examination of chimney shaft.—Offer by Messrs. Robb, Bridgeton.

There was submitted to the meeting an offer by Messrs. Robb, Bridgeton, to examine the chimney shaft, and, after consideration, the meeting authorised the acceptance of Messrs. Robb's offer, amounting to £3, for the examination of the head and lining from the top, and also to test electrically the lightning conductor.

Steam piping.—Offer by W. M'Quade, Cambuslang.

The meeting authorised the acceptance of the offer of William M'Quade, Cambuslang, amounting to £2, for the nine lengths of steam piping which had been scrapped consequent upon recent alterations at the works.

Electricity demand.—Suggestion by Resident Engineer.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from the Resident Engineer, suggesting that, with a view to developing the demand for electricity in the district, a number of ironers might be purchased and distributed free of charge amongst consumers.

Matter remitted to sub-committee and Clerk.

The meeting remitted to the Clerk to consider the question as to whether this could be legally done by the committee, and, in the meantime, appointed the Chairman, along with Messrs. Todd, Tonner, and Coyle to be a sub-committee, with the object of advertising the advantages of electricity, and with power to expend a sum not exceeding £25.

Advertisement of Undertaking.

The Clerk stated that, with a view to advertising the undertaking he had. with the authority of the Chairman, agreed to an advertisement being inserted in the booklet which had recently been issued in connection with the forthcoming Cambuslang Congregational Bazaar, the cost of the advertisement being £3 3s. The meeting approved.

Proposed increased insurance.

The Clerk stated that he had gone over with the Chairman the list of insurable subjects at the works, and he submitted a statement showing the various items and amounts for which it was proposed to insure them, the total amount being £4,700.

The meeting, after consideration, authorised insurance to the extent of £5,000 in all, and remitted to the Clerk and the District Clerk to determine the proportion of the premium to be charged to the electric lighting and refuse destruction parts of the undertaking respectively.

Boilers.—Reports by Insurance Company.

There was submitted to the meeting reports by the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited, relating to Nos. 1 and 2 Lancashire Boilers, and also to No. 3 Babcock Boiler, all of which were reported as being in order.

Applications for increases.—Statement by Clerk.

As relative to the application by the Resident Engineer for an increase of salary, and of the shift engineers for an increase of wages, the Clerk submitted a synopsis of information (Appendix III.) relating to Electricity and Destruction Works of a capacity approximating to that of the works at Cambuslang, and stated that he had sent a copy of this statement to each member of the joint-committee.

Increases granted.

The meeting, after full consideration, agreed to the following increases, viz. :—

1. D. M. Eunson, Resident Engineer, increase from £160 to £170 per annum, to take effect as from 15th November, 1912.
2. Samuel Gibson—38s. to 40s. per week.
3. David M'Isaac—31s. to 33s. ,,
4. Thomas Ross —30s. to 32s. ,,

to take effect as from date of last pay day.

Accounts.

The Clerk laid before the meeting the following accounts submitted by Mr. J. M. M. Munro, which the meeting agreed to pass, subject to their being found correct on being checked, viz. :—

The Reason Manufacturing Co., Ltd., account—lanterns, ...	£73	7	6
Underhill & Ritchie account—erecting lanterns, ...	5	15	8
The Callenders Cable Co., Ltd., account—			
Cable, ...	236	0	0
Digging and laying, ...	191	17	4
Local labour account—fitting lanterns, &c., ...	8	10	3
Sundry T. boxes, &c., from Supply Station Stock, and laying of cable in Douglas Drive before 31st August, 1912, &c. (see separate accounts rendered direct to Power Station).			
	£515	10	9
J. M. M. Munro—fee account—			
On cable, measured and tested, £236 at 2½ per cent., ...	£5	18	0
On lanterns, amended in detail, examined, approved, and erected; and on excavation and reinstatement of streets, £279 10s. 9d. at 5 per cent., ...	13	19	6
Say, in all, ...	£19	17	6

APPENDIX I.

LANARK COUNTY COUNCIL.

ELECTRICITY AND DESTRUCTOR WORKS,
BOTHWELL STREET,
CAMBUSLANG, N.B., *3rd October*, 1912.

THOMAS MUNRO, ESQ.,
COUNTY CLERK,
HAMILTON.

DEAR SIR,

I was asked at last Committee meeting to report as to cost of supplying electrical energy to Gateside—(1) Partly from Clyde Valley as first reported, and (2) from Cambuslang Works without Clyde Valley help. Undernoted is report of these costs :—

1.—Clyde Valley (10,000 units at 2d.), ...	£83	6	8
1 fireman, 52 weeks at 30s. per week, ...	78	0	0
1 trimmer, 52 weeks at 25s. per week, ...	65	0	0
Coal, at 8s. 3d. per ton, for 190,000 units at test rates, ·3 pence per unit, ...	237	15	0
Cylinder oil, ...	12	0	0
Crank chamber oil, ...	2	10	0
Waste, ...	1	10	0
Stores, ...	5	0	0
Water, ...	36	0	0
	£521	1	8

125,060/200,000 pence = ·625 pence per unit generated, or ·625 pence per unit represents works cost with Clyde Valley help.

2.—Total of 200,000 units supplied from Cambuslang, then add—

1 Fireman, 52 weeks at 30/- per week, ...	£78	0	0
Coal, at 3d. per kilowatt-hour, for 10,000 units, now supplied from Cambuslang, ...	12	10	0
Cylinder oil, ...	2	10	0
Crank Chamber oil, ...	1	0	0
Waste	0	10	0
Stores.	0	10	0
Water, ...	6	10	0
	£101	10	0
Deduct for Clyde Valley units;	83	6	8
	£18	3	4
Add as above, ...	521	1	8
	£539	5	0

Then 129,420/200,000 pence = ·642 pence for new works costs, additional cost say ·02 pence per unit.

Total costs if all generated at Cambuslang—

	Per unit.
Works costs, 200,000 units, ...	·642d.
Add 10 per cent. for transmission losses, ...	·064d.
	·706d.
Add share of oversight, ...	·128d.
,, ,, maintenance.	·500d.
	1·334d.

Therefore, as in (1) total costs = 1·315d., as in (2) total costs = 1·334d.

In (2) difference between selling price per unit and works cost per unit represents an annual balance to us of £166 13s. 4d. This would be slightly higher with the use of Clyde Valley for 10,000 units through the night. This is caused by the lighter load during those hours, with consequent dearer running costs under steam conditions.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

D. M. EUNSON.

APPENDIX II.

WORKS' RECORD.

1912. Week ending	Units Generated Refuse.	Units Generated Coal.	Units sold Street Lighting.	Units used in Gen. Station.	Water used. Gallons.	Coal used. T. C. Q.	Refuse Destroyed. T. C. Q.	Units Bought Clyde Valley	Total Units Generated.	Total Units Corresponding Period last Year.
*September 7,	2,463	220	1,266	68	51,320	2 2 0	103 1 0	...	2,688	2,555
14,	2,840	20	1,347	82	61,478	0 3 2	109 18 0	27	2,880	2,817
21,	3,022	...	1,438	113	53,875	...	108 7 0	87	3.088	3,034
28,	3,193	...	1,536	85	37,595	0 10 2	106 9 0	...	3.193	3,227
*October 5,	3,132	320	1,609	94	40,610	2 13 0	118 13 1	...	3,452	3,560
† 12,	3,129	295	1,647	112	39,940	2 12 2	105 1 0	241	3,611	3,659
* 19,	3,457	377	1,735	99	39,620	2 16 0	112 0 3	9	3.838	3,957
26,	3,751	431	1,821	138	40,560	2 16 0	120 7 2	220	4,352	4,093
November 2,	3,824	537	1,936	122	44,430	2 19 2	128 15 1	...	4,361	4.152
9,	4,456	205	2,045	114	44,940	1 15 0	132 10 2	...	4,661	4,667

* Denotes Flue Cleaning. † Test on W.T. Boiler.

D. M. EUNSON,
Resident Engineer.

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APPENDIX III.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

CAMBUSLANG ELECTRICITY AND REFUSE DESTRUCTION WORKS.

Synopsis of information received from Local Authorities as to Remuneration of Chief Electrical Engineer and Staff.

NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY.	Maximum capacity of plant in kilowatts.	Quantity generated in B. T. units during last year.	Salary.	Length of Service.	Is he responsible for extensions of main and station plant?	Are works combined with any Refuse Destruction Works? If so, does his duty include the management of such works.	Has he an assistant? If so, state salary.	Does Chief Engineer devote his whole time to duties, or is he allowed:—(1) to do outside consulting work; or (2) to give instruction to pupils at a premium?	Wages of the following Workmen.			
									Shift Engineers.	Cable Jointers.	Firemen.	Labourers.
Bangor, Borough of - -	500	237,329	£145 as Electrical Engineer £145 as Gas Manager	13 years	Yes	Yes	No	(1) Yes, with permission (2) Yes, Corporation get premium	40s.	40s. & 20s.	30s.	5½d. per hour
Bray, U.D.C., - - -	150	196,864	£240	7 years	Yes	No	Yes, £104	(1) Yes (2) Yes	None	25s.	*25s.	17s. per week
Elland, U.D.C., - - -	340	273,171	£150	8 months	Yes	Yes	No	Whole time	35s.	36s.	27s.	—
Fareham, U.D.C., - -	200	155,972	£200	16 years	Yes	No	Yes, £52	Allowed 1 pupil	28s. (Driver)	None		5d. per hour
Gray's Thurrock, U.D.C., -	400	339,612	£250	12 years	Yes	Yes	Yes, 45s. per week	Whole time (1) By special arrangement (2) Yes	45s.	30s.	30s.-34s.	25s.-30s. per week
Leek, U.D.C., - - -	611	522,000	£225	9 years	Yes	No	Yes, £110	(1) No (2) Yes	30s.	27s	—	23s. per week
Maidenhead, Borough of -	550	675,000	£350	10 years	Yes	No	Yes, £117	Whole time	30s. (Driver)	Foreman, 42s. 6d. Assistant, 26s. 9d.	28s.	5d. per hour

Tonbridge, U.D.C., - -	270	322,283	£275	5½ years	Yes	No	Yes, £90	Whole time (2) Allowed pupils	27s.	35s.	25s. & 27s.	—
Wrexham, Borough of - -	650	831,132	£250	5½ years	Yes	Yes	Yes. £117	(1) No (2) Two pupils	35s. (Driver)	37s. 6d.	6½d. per hour	5d. per hour
Motherwell, Burgh of	3,000	3,553,113	£275	2 years	Yes	No	No	Whole time	34s.-40s.	35s.-40s.	28s.-30s.	5½d. per hour
Oban, Burgh of - -	180	159,984	£200	2 years	Yes	No	No	Whole time	24s.-36s.	37s. 6d.	22s.	21s. per week
Wishaw, Burgh of - -	300	360,000	£200	7 years	Yes	No	No	Whole time	25s.	40s.	None	5½d. per hour
Lanark County Council (Cambuslang),	350	159,471	£160	2 years	Yes	Yes	No	Whole time	31s.-38s.	37s.	34s.	29s. per week

* Free house, coal, and light.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 30th October, 1912, being a Meeting of the Business Committee of the County Council of Lanark. — 30th October, 1912.

Present—

Colonel KING STEWART. | WILLIAM SPEIRS.

Colonel King Stewart in the chair. — *Chairman.*

An apology for absence was intimated from Mr. William Neilson. — *Apology for absence.*

The County Clerk reported that he had received a number of applications for the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. H. L. F. Fraser, late assistant in his office, and that, after having made careful inquiry into the qualifications and experience of the respective applicants, he suggested the name of Mr. Robert Bryce Walker, M.A., LL.B., Town-Clerk of Pollokshaws. — *Vacancy in County Clerk's office caused by resignation of Mr. H. L. F. Fraser.* *Name of Mr. Robert Bryce Walker, M.A., LL.B., Town-Clerk of Pollokshaws, suggested.*

The committee, after careful consideration, agreed that Mr. Speirs should make personal inquiries as to Mr. Walker's qualifications, and in the event of his being satisfied, that the Clerk be authorised to offer the appointment to Mr. Walker at the same salary, namely, £350 per annum, and on the same conditions as applied in the case of Mr. Fraser's appointment. — *Clerk authorised to offer appointment to Mr. Walker.*

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 4th December, 1912, being a meeting of the Business Committee of the County Council of Lanark. — 4th December. 1912.

Present—

Colonel KING STEWART. | WILLIAM SPEIRS.
WILLIAM NEILSON. | JAMES C. HOPE VERE.

Colonel King Stewart in the chair. — *Chairman.*

With reference to the appointment of an assistant in the County Clerk's Office, Mr. Speirs reported that, as a result of his inquiries, he was amply satisfied as to Mr. Walker's qualifications, and that he had so informed the County Clerk.

The County Clerk reported that, on Mr. Speirs communicating to him the result of his inquiries, he had communicated with Mr. Walker, who had accepted the appointment on the terms indicated in the minutes of last meeting, and that Mr. Walker had taken up his duties on 25th ultimo. — *Acceptance by Mr. Walker of appointment.*

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Council Chambers, there, upon Friday, 25th October, 1912 years, at 2.20 p.m., being a Meeting of the Committee on Explosives of the County Council of Lanark appointed for the Hamilton District of the Middle Ward of said County. 25th October, 1912.

Explosives Committee.

Present—

THOMAS ARNOT, Esq.
WILLIAM BARR, Esq.
CHARLES A. EASSON, Esq.
ALEX. HAMILTON, Esq.
JOHN JACKSON, Esq.
ALEX. R. MITCHELL, Esq.
GEO. STALKER, Esq.
JOHN TODD, Esq.
JAMES TONNER, Esq.

Mr. Arnot, chairman of the committee, in the Chair. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk read the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 26th July, 1912, were submitted, approved, and signed by the chairman. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk read his report which was in the following terms:— *Clerk's report.*

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE PEACE,
HAMILTON, *25th October*, 1912.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to report that, since last meeting of the committee, the following two applications for new licenses for stores for mixed explosives (which had been examined and favourably reported on by the Inspectors) have been granted and licenses issued to the applicants on the instructions of the chairman, namely:—

The Badallan and Palace Farm Collieries, Limited, colliery owners, and Robert Thomson, Secretary, 134 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, for Fauldhouse (Parish of Cambusnethan), Division A.

The Kepplehill Coal Co., Ltd., coalmasters, per James Sommerville, colliery manager, Stane Colliery, Shotts, for Stane, Shotts (Parish of Cambusnethan), Division B.

Since the same meeting, there have been issued 11 renewals of registrations and the following 36 new registrations, namely:—

James Nimmo & Co., Ltd., coalmasters, per Peter Aitken, 21 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, for No. 5 Pit, Holytown Colliery (mixed explosives).

James Nimmo & Co., Ltd., coalmasters, per Peter Aitken, 21 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, for No. 8 Pit, Holytown Colliery (mixed explosives).

The Kepplehill Coal Co., Ltd., coalmasters, per James Sommerville, colliery manager, Shotts, for Stane Colliery, Shotts (mixed explosives).

The Kepplehill Coal Co., Ltd., coalmasters, per James Sommerville, colliery manager, Shotts, for Kepplehill Colliery, Shotts (mixed explosives).

Mrs. J. Paterson, stationer, Clydesdale Road, Mossend.

Robert Semple, colliery proprietor, New Struther Colliery, Larkhall (mixed explosives).

Mrs. James Boyce, Lorne Place, Bellshill Road, Uddingston.

John Watson, Limited, coalmasters, Earnock, Hamilton, and James King, storeman, Craigielee Cottage, Auchenraith Road, Blantyre, for Earnock Colliery, Hamilton (mixed explosives).

John Watson, Limited, coalmasters, Earnock, Hamilton, and James King, storeman, Craigielee Cottage, Auchenraith Road, Blantyre, for Earnock Colliery, Hamilton (mixed explosives).

Horn, Glasgow, Limited, coalmasters, and Matthew Howieson, manager, 79 West Regent Street, Glasgow, for Mossband Colliery, by Holytown (mixed explosives).

Elizabeth Robertson, stationer, 188 Windmillhill Street, Motherwell.

Mrs. Matilda Hyndman, confectioner, 21 Ladywell Road, Motherwell, for 102 Muir Street, Motherwell.

John Clifford, stationer, 236 Glasgow Road, Blantyre.

Mrs. Callaghan, 7 North British Road, Uddingston.

Mrs. Clelland, confectioner, 32 Raith Place, Hamilton Palace Colliery, Bothwell.

Mrs. Rachael Roberts, confectioner, 8 Wellside Buildings, Halfway, Cambuslang.

Mrs. Jessie Hay, confectioner, 470 Main Street, Bellshill.

Shotts Iron Co., Ltd., iron and coalmasters, and Andrew Anderson, manager, Shotts, for Hartwoodhill Pit (mixed explosives).

Mrs. Clark, Motherwell Road, Bellshill.

Mrs. Esther M'Naught, confectioner, 31 Milton Street, Motherwell.

Mrs. Hugh M'Laughlan, confectioner, &c., 208 Glasgow Road, Wishaw.

William Nelson, 9 Park Street, Cambuslang.

John Walker, Main Street, Overtown.

David Shannon, 9 Motherwell Road, Bellshill.

W. F. W. Bradshaw, 57 Alexandra Street, Wishaw.

Miss Magdalene Gardner, confectioner, Douglas Place, Flemington, Cambuslang.

James Perrie Senior, 13 John Street, Larkhall.

Miss Jessie Hamer, confectioner, 26 North Orchard Street, Motherwell.

Miss Elizabeth Cather, confectioner, 92 Millburn Street, Motherwell.

Mrs. Bridget Canning, 40 Glebe Street, Bellshill.

Thomas Melvin, fruiterer, 100 M'Neil Street, Larkhall.

The United Collieries, Limited, coalmasters, 109 Hope Street, Glasgow, for Shawsburn Colliery (mixed explosives).

Andrew Clelland, Muir Street Dairy, Larkhall.

Mrs. G. Moon, 18 Stenton Cottages, Wishaw.

Owen Devine, 12 Shields Road, Flemington, Motherwell.

Thomas Potter, stationer, 51 Percy Street, Larkhall.

Since last meeting there have been no convictions for contravention of the Act in the district.

Your obedient Servant,

D. W. HIDDLESTON,
Depute Clerk.

To the Explosives Committee
for the Hamilton District of the Middle Ward
of the County of Lanark.

Applications for store licenses.

The following applications for licenses for stores for mixed explosives were submitted to the meeting, namely :—

1. J. Leggat & Sons, coalmasters, East Thornlie Street, Wishaw, and Charles Annan, manager, for Thornlie Colliery (Parish of Cambusnethan), Division A.

2. J. Leggat & Sons, coalmasters, East Thornlie Street, Wishaw, and Charles Annan, manager, for Waterloo (Parish of Cambusnethan), Division A.

The Inspector's reports on the stores being satisfactory, it was agreed to grant the licenses, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

Inspector Anderson's report.

The following report by Superintendent Anderson, Hamilton. Inspector under the Act, was read to the meeting :—

LANARKSHIRE CONSTABULARY.
HAMILTON, 25*th October*, 1912.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to report for your information that, during the period since last meeting of the committee on 26th July, I have visited a number of the stores and premises registered for keeping explosives in this division and found them being kept in good condition generally, and the Regulations under the Statute adhered to.

In connection with the new magazine at Meikle Earnock, erected by the New Explosives Company, Limited, Explosives Manufacturers, 62 London Wall, London, E.C., which was before your meeting on 29th March last, I have to bring under your notice that on 15th October current, I, along with Mr. Gilmour, the Company's representative, visited this new building which had just been completed, and found that it had been built of the best material.

I went over the draft license and accompanying plans and specifications, authorised by the Secretary of State, which were again sent me, and found that the magazine has been erected on the approved site, and, so far as I could see, its construction complies in every way with the requirements of the Secretary of State, and by his request I gave Mr. Gilmour a certificate to that effect.

With reference to the minutes of last meeting of the committee on 26th July, and the motion regarding the Inspectors' salaries, as instructed by the committee I beg to submit that, as shewn in my report to the first quarterly meeting on 26th January this year, I had under my supervision at that period—

45 stores licensed for mixed explosives, and
52 premises registered for keeping explosives ;

and on examination of the Register kept by the Clerk I find I have at the present date

51 stores licensed for mixed explosives, and
74 premises registered for keeping explosives,

shewing an increase of

6 stores and 22 registered premises,

the greater number of which have been required on account of the new Act referred to.

Since last meeting of the committee, the Explosives in Coal Mines Order of 21st May, 1912, has been issued, and the Conditions set forth in paragraph I. thereof make it compulsory for owners of collieries to provide suitable places above ground and conveniently near the entrance to the mines for the storage of surplus explosives brought out of the mines at the end of each shift.

The Regulations, in my opinion, call for great improvements, and are naturally entailing more supervision, and more suitable places have yet to be provided at several collieries in this division.

Your obedient Servant,

ALEX. ANDERSON,
Inspector.

TO THE EXPLOSIVES COMMITTEE
for the Hamilton District of the Middle Ward
of the County of Lanark.

Inspector Moir's report.

There was also read to the meeting the following report by Superintendent Moir, Motherwell, Inspector under the Act :—

LANARKSHIRE CONSTABULARY,
MOTHERWELL, 24*th October*, 1912.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to report for your information that, since the meeting of Committee on Explosives held in July last, nothing of importance has taken place in connection with the various stores and registered premises in this district.

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25th October, 1912.

Since last meeting I have visited a number of stores and registered premises and found everything in good order and the Regulations being complied with.

On September 30th, Elizabeth Robertson, a stationer at 188 Windmillhill Street, Motherwell, who was reported for having sold squibs, containing explosives, to a boy 10 years of age, forfeited 5s. pledge at the Burgh Police Court, Motherwell.

As instructed at last meeting of committee to prepare a statement shewing the number of stores and premises registered under the Act since the commencement of the Coal Mines Act, 1911, and the number of stores licensed and premises registered subsequent thereto, I have to report that, prior to the commencement of the Act, 61 stores were licensed, and 8 have been licensed since, making a total of 69. Prior to the Act, 92 premises were registered, and 36 have been registered since, making a total of 128. Several other applications are at present under consideration.

Your obedient Servant,

ALEXANDER MOIR,
Inspector.

To the Explosives Committee
for the Hamilton District of the Middle Ward
of the County of Lanark.

Inspectors' salaries.

The committee took into consideration the question as to whether the increase in the work of their two Inspectors (Superintendents Anderson and Moir) entailed by the provisions of Section 61 of the Coal Mines Act, 1911, entitled them to an increase in their salaries. A discussion (initiated by Mr. Tonner) ensued, and, after hearing statements by the Inspectors, the committee, on the motion of Mr. Stalker, seconded by Mr. Tonner, unanimously resolved to recommend to the County Council that the salaries of both Inspectors be increased from £15 to £20 per annum—the increase to take effect as from 1st January, 1912. The Clerk was instructed to intimate the recommendation to the County Clerk.

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OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At AIRDRIE, and within the Office of Mr. J. Dunn Russell, J.P., Clerk-Depute, there, the 8th day of November, 1912, at a meeting of the Explosives Committee of the County Council of Lanarkshire, appointed for the Airdrie District of the Middle Ward of said County. 8th November, 1912.

Explosives Committee.
(Airdrie District.)

Present—

W. W. Chapman, Esq. | John Loudon, Esq.
Robert Sharp, Esq.

Attending—

Mr. J. Dunn Russell, as Clerk to the Committee.
Mr. David Pennie, Superintendent of Police, as Inspector of Explosives for said District.

Mr. Robert Sharp, presiding. *Chairman.*

The Clerk read the Circular calling the Meeting. *Circular calling meeting.*

The Minutes of Meetings held on 28th June, 19th July, and 30th September, 1912, were read over and approved of. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the Meeting Applications for new Store Licenses which had been lodged with him by the following parties, viz. :— *Applications for new store licenses.*

(1) James Dunlop & Co., Ltd., and Walter Buchanan, Secretary, Iron and Coal Masters, Clyde Iron Works, Tollcross, to keep Mixed Explosives in premises at Slaghill Park, Petersburn, under Division B.

(2) J. Dunn & Stephen, Limited, Coalmasters, 21 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, to keep Mixed Explosives in premises at South Kenmuir Colliery, Carmyle, under Division A.

(3) The Burnside Coal Company, Coalmasters, Chapelhall Colliery, by Airdrie, to keep Mixed Explosives in premises at Chapelhall Colliery, under Division A.

(4) John Baird & Sons, Quarry Masters, Gain Quarry, Glenboig, to keep Mixed Explosives in premises at Gain Quarry, Glenboig, under Division A.

The Meeting, having considered said Applications, together with the Inspector's Reports engrossed thereon respectively, agreed to grant the same, and authorised Mr. Russell, as Clerk to the Local Authority, to sign and issue the necessary Certificates, the same to expire on 30th March, 1913.

(Signed) ROBERT SHARP.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COUNTY OFFICES,

HAMILTON, *2nd December*, 1912.

SIR,

I am to intimate that a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the COUNTY COUNCIL of this COUNTY will be held in the SHERIFF'S ORDINARY COURT, COUNTY BUILDINGS, GLASGOW (entrance by 40 Wilson Street), *upon Wednesday, 11th current, at Half-past Two o'Clock, p.m.*, or immediately after the Statutory Meeting of the County Council, to be held at Two o'Clock, p.m., the same day, for the purpose of approving, if so resolved, of an application to the Secretary for Scotland, under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, for a Provisional Order—

To authorise the District Committee of the Middle Ward of the County of Lanark to construct additional Waterworks; to abandon the authorised Glengavel Reservoir; to extend the water supply limits of the District Committee; to amend the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Acts, 1892 to 1908; to authorise the County Council of the said County to levy assessments and to borrow money; and for other purposes.

Of all which NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, and the Act 35 and 36 Vict., cap. 91.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD IN THE

SHERIFF'S ORDINARY COURT,

COUNTY BUILDINGS, GLASGOW

(Entrance by 40 Wilson Street),

On WEDNESDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1912,

AT 2.30 O'CLOCK P.M.,

or immediately after the Statutory Meeting.

AGENDA.

1. Chair to be taken.

2. Sederunt to be taken.

3. Notice of Meeting to be read.

   Submit newspaper containing Public Notice.

4. LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER, 1913—

   Submit Gazette Notice and print of Draft Order.

   If so agreed, approve of Order, and remit to Parliamentary Bills Committee, with the full powers of the Council, to take such action as they may consider advisable in connection therewith.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COUNTY OFFICES,
HAMILTON, *25th January*, 1913.

SIR,

HOUSE LETTING AND RATING (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1911.

I enclose copy of a Notice which has been advertised in accordance with the Statute, calling a Special Meeting of the County Council, to be held within the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, Glasgow, (entrance by 40 Wilson Street), on Wednesday next, 29th current, at one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of adopting, if so resolved, the provisions of the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911, within all or any of the following Special Districts, formed under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, or the Local Government (Scotland) Acts, 1889 to 1908, for the purposes of Drainage, Lighting, or Scavenging:—

Within the District of the Upper Ward—

(1) LEADHILLS SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Within the District of the Middle Ward—

(2) GLENGOWAN AND CALDERCRUIX SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.
(3) SHOTTS AND DYKEHEAD SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD IN THE

SHERIFF'S ORDINARY COURT,

COUNTY BUILDINGS, GLASGOW,

(ENTRANCE BY 40 WILSON STREET),

On WEDNESDAY, 29th JANUARY, 1913.

AGENDA.

FIRST MEETING—One o'Clock p.m.

1. Chair to be taken.

2. Sederunt to be taken.

3. Notice of Meeting to be read.

4. House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911—
   If so agreed, approve of recommendations of Finance Committee, and resolve to adopt the provisions of the Act within—

   Upper Ward—
   Leadhills Special Scavenging District.

   Middle Ward—
   (1) Glengowan and Caldercruix Special Scavenging District;
   (2) Shotts and Dykehead Special Drainage District.

SECOND MEETING—1.15 o'Clock p.m.

1. Chair to be taken.
2. Sederunt to be taken.
3. Notice of Meeting to be read.

   Submit newspaper containing Public Notice.
4. Submit Minutes of Special Meeting of Council, of date 11th December, 1912.
5. Submit Minutes of Parliamentary Bills Committee, of dates 8th and 16th January, 1913.
6. If so advised, confirm resolution passed at Special Meeting of Council on 11th December to make application to the Secretary for Scotland, under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899, for a Provisional Order or Private Bill, under the following short title :—

   Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, 1913.
7. Submit prints of the following Provisional Orders :—

   (1) Airdrie Corporation Gas.

   (2) Caledonian Railway.
8. If so agreed, resolve to oppose the above Provisional Order or Private Bills, and remit to Parliamentary Bills Committee, with the full powers of the Council, to take such action as they may consider advisable to secure the interests of the Council.

THIRD MEETING—1.30 o'Clock p.m.

1. Chair to be taken.
2. Sederunt to be taken.
3. Notice of Meeting to be read.
4. Minutes of Statutory Meeting of the Council, held on 11th December, 1912.
5. Minutes of the following Committees :—

   (1) Executive Committee, of dates 11th December, 1912, and 15th January, 1913.

   (2) Joint-Committee on National Insurance Act, of date 18th December, 1912.

   (3) General Purposes Committee, of dates 18th December, 1912, and 22nd January, 1913.

   (4) Public Health Committee, of date 8th January, 1913.

   (5) Finance Committee, of date 8th January, 1913.

   Resolutions to borrow the following monies, viz. :—

   (*a*) £150 for addition of boiler-house, coal cellar, &c., at Carluke Public Slaughter-house.

   (*b*) £417 11s. for completion of scheme for Forth Special Water District.

(*c*) £15,200 for the provision and erection of additional buildings, &c., at Middle Ward Hospital near Motherwell.

(*d*) £150 for fencing and furnishing, &c., at Blantyre Hospital.

(*e*) (1) £30 6s. 11d. for the acquisition of sewer in Anniesdale Avenue, Stepps; and (2) £96 14s. 11d., being excess capital expenditure in connection with extension of filter beds at Stepps Sewage Purification Works, both within Stepps Special Drainage District.

(6) Parliamentary Bills Committee, of dates 8th and 16th January, 1913.

Sub-Committee on Lanarkshire Tramways, of date 8th January, 1913.

Sub-Committee on Blantyre Gas, of date 8th January, 1913.

(7) Committee on Hamilton Court Houses, &c., of date 14th January, 1913.

(8) Committee on Fire Brigades, of date 15th January, 1913.

(9) Committee on Lanark Court Houses, &c., of date 20th January, 1913.

(10) Weights and Measures Committee, of date 22nd January, 1913.

6. Notice of motion by Mr. Hamilton regarding the powers and duties of the Standing Joint-Committee.

7. Communication from District Committee of Lower Ward, of date 17th January, 1913, regarding salary of District Clerk and Treasurer.

Submit letter from Secretary of Stepps Ratepayers' Association.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

HOUSE LETTING AND RATING (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1911.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark, will be held within the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, Glasgow (entrance by 40 Wilson Street), on Wednesday, 29th January, 1913, at One o'clock p.m., for the purpose of adopting, if so resolved, the provisions of the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911, within all or any of the following Special Districts formed under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, or the Local Government (Scotland) Acts, 1889 to 1908, for the purposes of Drainage, Lighting, or Scavenging:—

Within the District of the Upper Ward—

(1) **Leadhills Special Scavenging District.**

Within the District of the Middle Ward—

(2) **Glengowan and Caldercruix Special Lighting District.**

(3) **Shotts and Dykehead Special Drainage District.**

of all which Notice is hereby given, in terms of Section 11 of the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk,

County Offices,
HAMILTON, 27*th December*, 1912.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 18th January, 1913.

SIR,

I am to request your attendance at a Special Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark, to be held within the SHERIFF'S ORDINARY COURT, County Buildings, Glasgow (entrance by 40 Wilson Street), *on Wednesday, 29th curt., at Quarter past One o'clock Afternoon,* for the purposes, *inter alia*, of considering the undermentioned Provisional Orders or Private Bills, and, if so agreed, resolving:—

(First)—To confirm the resolution passed at the Special General Meeting of the County Council, held on 11th December, 1912, to make application to the Secretary for Scotland for an Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, for the following purposes:—

To authorise the District Committee of the Middle Ward of the County of Lanark to construct additional water-works; to abandon the authorised Glengavel Reservoir; to extend the water-supply limits of the District Committee; to amend the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Acts. 1892 to 1908; to authorise the County Council of the said County to levy assessments and to borrow money; and for other purposes.

(Second)—To oppose the following Provisional Orders or Private Bills, or either of them, viz.:—

(1) CALEDONIAN RAILWAY.—To confer further powers on the Caledonian Railway Company in relation to their undertaking; to extend the periods for the completion of railways and other works, and for the purchase of lands; to transfer to the Company the undertaking of the Bankfoot Light Railway Company; to authorise the Callander and Oban Railway Company to hold and dispose of superfluous lands; to confirm an agreement between the Corporation of Edinburgh, the Company, and the North British Railway Company relative to the Gorgie Markets Branch Railways; and for other purposes;

(2) AIRDRIE CORPORATION GAS.—To extend the limits for the supply of gas by and to confer further powers on the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Airdrie in connection with their Gas Undertaking;

of all which NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of the provisions of the County Councils (Bills in Parliament) Act, 1903, the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, and the Act 35 and 36 Vict., cap. 91.

A print of the Minutes of the Special General Meeting of the Council, held on 11th ultimo, is sent herewith, and a print of the Minutes of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, relative to the above-named Orders or Bills, will be sent to you before the date of meeting.

The meeting may take up any other competent business.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

THOS. MUNRO.
County Clerk.

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OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At GLASGOW, and within the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 11th December, 1912, being a Special General Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark, intimated and called in terms of the Notices hereinafter inserted. 11th December, 1912.

Present—

James Anderson.
J. Raeside Auld.
J. P. Baird.
William Barr.
Colonel Buchanan.
James Cameron.
Walter C. B. Christie.
William Davie.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
Alexander Hamilton.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
John Jackson.
Robert Lambie.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart.
Colonel Logan.
John Loudon.
William Love.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
Andrew Murdoch.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
William Neilson.
Alexander Pillans.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
John D. Scott.
Gavin A. Shanks.
William Speirs.
James Steele.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
John Todd.
James Tonner.
James C. Hope Vere.
Thomas Watt.
Walter Lindsay.
Charles A. Easson.
Thomas Davie.
William Liddle.
Rev. Samuel Lindsay.

Colonel King Stewart, of Murdostoun, Convener of the County, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk read the notice calling the meeting, which was in the following terms, viz.:— *Notice calling meeting.*

County Offices,
Hamilton. *2nd December*, 1912.

Sir,

I am to intimate that a Special General Meeting of the County Council of this County will be held in the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, Glasgow (entrance by 40 Wilson Street), *upon Wednesday, 11th current, at Half-past Two o'Clock, p.m.*, or immediately after the Statutory Meeting of the County Council, to be held at Two

o'Clock, p.m., the same day, for the purpose of approving, if so resolved, of an application to the Secretary for Scotland, under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, for a Provisional Order—

To authorise the District Committee of the Middle Ward of the County of Lanark to construct additional Waterworks; to abandon the authorised Glengavel Reservoir; to extend the water supply limits of the District Committee; to amend the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Acts, 1892 to 1908; to authorise the County Council of the said County to levy assessmen and to borrow money; and for other purposes.

Of all which NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in terms of the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, and the Act 35 and 36 Vict., cap. 91.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

Newspaper notice of meeting.

The Clerk also laid before the meeting a copy of the *Glasgow Herald* newspaper, of date 29th November, and the *Hamilton Advertiser* newspaper, of date 30th November, containing notice of the meeting, as required by statute, the notice being in the following terms, viz.:—

COUNTY OF LANARK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special General Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark, will be held in the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, Glasgow (entrance by 40 Wilson Street), upon Wednesday, 11th December, 1912, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., or immediately after the Statutory Meeting of the County Council, to be held at 2 o'clock p.m. the same day, for the purpose of approving, if so resolved, of an application to the Secretary for Scotland under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, for a Provisional Order—

To authorise the District Committee of the Middle Ward of the County of Lanark to construct additional Waterworks; to abandon the authorised Glengavel Reservoir; to extend the water supply limits of the District Committee; to amend the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Acts, 1892 to 1908; to authorise the County Council of the said County to levy assessments and to borrow money; and for other purposes.

Of all which Notice is hereby given in terms of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, and the Act 35 and 36 Vict. Cap. 91.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

County Offices, Hamilton,
28th November, 1912.

Lanarkshire Middle Ward District Water Order.—Minutes of Parliamentary Bills Committee, 4th December.

The minutes of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, of date 4th December, 1912, so far as relating to the proposed Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order were submitted.

Draft Provisional Order submitted.

The Clerk laid before the meeting a print of the draft Provisional Order proposed to be promoted, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the Council.

Mr. Fraser moved, in accordance with the recommendation of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, that the meeting approve of an application to the Secretary for Scotland under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1889, for a Provisional Order in terms of the Draft Order submitted. which was seconded by Mr. Love. *Motion by Mr. Fraser.*

By way of an amendment Mr. Tonner moved that the Order be amended so as to provide for agricultural lands being assessed on the same basis as mines, minerals, and quarries, viz. :—on one-fourth the annual value thereof entered in the Valuation Roll, which was seconded by Mr. Fenton. *Amendment by Mr. Tonner.*

On a vote having been taken by way of a show of hands, a majority voted against the amendment, which was accordingly declared lost. *Amendment declared lost.*

By way of a further amendment, Mr. Hope Vere moved that the Order be not proceeded with, which was seconded by Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart. *Further amendment that Order be not proceeded with.*

After discussion, it was agreed that certain matters in dispute between the Upper Ward District Committee and the Middle Ward District Committee be referred to the Convener and the County Clerk, whose decision shall be accepted as final, power being at the same time conferred upon them to call in the assistance of an expert should they consider this necessary before coming to a final determination in the matter. *Agreed to refer matters in dispute between Upper and Middle Ward District Committees to Convener and County Clerk.*

Mr. Hope Vere, having thereafter with the consent of his seconder and of the meeting withdrawn his motion, the Draft Order was, after further discussion, approved o *Further amendment withdrawn.*

The minutes of the Parliamentary Bills Committee as submitted were thereupon approved. *Minutes of Parliamentary Bills Committee approved.*

The meeting remitted to the Parliamentary Bills Committee to take such steps as they might consider advisable in furtherance of the promotion of the Order, and at the same time remitted to the Clerk to take such action in pursuance of the the resolution of the Council as may be necessary to comply with the Statutes or with the Standing or General Orders relating to the promotion of Private Bills or Orders. *Remit as to further procedure.*

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COUNTY OFFICES,
HAMILTON, 18*th January*, 1913.

SIR,

I am to request your attendance at a SPECIAL MEETING of the County Council of the County of Lanark, to be held within the SHERIFF'S ORDINARY COURT, County Buildings, Glasgow (entrance by 40 WILSON STREET), *on Wednesday, 29th current, at 1.30 o'clock afternoon,* or immediately after the Special Meeting of the Council, which has been convened for 1.15 p.m. the same day, for the purpose of considering and disposing of Reports and Minutes of Committees, of which copies will be sent to you before the date of meeting, and for transacting any other competent business.

I append a Notice of Motion which has been handed to me.

A print of the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Council held on 11th ultimo will be sent to you before the date of meeting.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

Notice of Motion by Mr. Alexander Hamilton, countersigned by Mr. William Love:—

"That we appoint a Committee (along with the Clerk) to consider as to "the powers and duties of the Standing Joint-Committee, and report "to the first meeting of Council."

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MINUTES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK

At GLASGOW, and within the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 11th December, 1912, at two o'clock afternoon, being the December Statutory Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark, convened and met as required by Statute, and intimated and called in terms of the Notice hereinafter inserted. 11th December, 1912.

Present—

John Adam.
James Anderson.
J. Raeside Auld.
J. P. Baird.
William Barr.
Colonel Buchanan.
James Cameron.
Walter C. B. Christie.
William Davie.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
Alexander Hamilton.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
John Jackson.
Robert Lambie.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
Colonel Logan.
John Loudon.
William Love.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
Andrew Murdoch.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
William Neilson.
Alexander Pillans.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
John D. Scott.
Gavin A. Shanks.
William Speirs.
James Steele.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
John Todd.
James Tonner.
James C. Hope Vere.
Thomas Watt.
John M. Loudon.
George Stalker.
William L. Dyer.
Walter Lindsay.
Charles A. Easson.
Thomas Davie.
William Liddle.
Rev. Samuel Lindsay.
Samuel Forrest.
David Hardie.

Colonel King Stewart, Convener of the County, presiding. *Chairman.*

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting in terms of Section 73 (2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, which was in the following terms, viz. :—

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COUNTY OFFICES,
HAMILTON, *2nd December, 1912.*

SIR,

I am directed to intimate that the DECEMBER STATUTORY MEETING of the County Council will be held in the SHERIFF'S ORDINARY COURT, COUNTY BUILDINGS, GLASGOW (entrance by 40 Wilson Street), *on Wednesday, 11th current, at Two o'Clock Afternoon.*

It will fall to the Meeting to appoint a Convener of the County, a Vice-Convener, a County Road Board, the County's quota of a Joint-Bridges Committee, the Council's quota of the Lanark District Lunacy Board, and four Members to represent the County on the Committees for visiting Glasgow Prisons (Duke Street and Barlinnie Prisons).

It will also fall to the Meeting to receive and dispose of Reports and Minutes of Committees, copies of which will be sent to the Members of the Council before the date of Meeting.

There will be submitted to the Meeting requisitions by the District Committees of the Upper, Middle, and Lower Wards of the County to adopt Sections 144, 145, 158, and 191 to 200 (as amended by the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1903), inclusive, of the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, within all Special Lighting, Scavenging, Drainage, and Water Districts in which such sections have not already been adopted, and the Meeting may, by resolution, give effect to these recommendations.

I subjoin notice of motion which has been given to me.

Prints of the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Council, held on 10th October, 1912, and of the Special Meeting of the Council, held on 13th November, 1912, are sent herewith.

The Meeting may take up any other competent business.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

Notice of motion by Mr. Alexander Hamilton, countersigned by Mr. William Neilson :—

"That the County Council amend the Bye-laws made by them under "the Burgh Police (Scotland) Amendment Act, to the effect that "places of refreshment in the Middle Ward of the County be "closed all day on Sunday."

Appointment of representatives by Burghs.

The Clerk stated that he had received intimation of the appointment of the following representatives by Burghs, viz. :—

Coatbridge—Provost Thomas Davie, Bailies David Kirk, William Liddle, Samuel Lindsay, and Thomas Smith.

Lanark—Provost Samuel Forrest.

Rutherglen—Councillors James T. Macdonald and David Hardie.

Minutes of meetings.

The minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Council, held on 10th October, and of the Special meeting of the Council, held on 13th November, 1912, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Resignation of Mr. John Wheatley as representative for South Shettleston Electoral Division.

The Clerk submitted a letter from Mr. John Wheatley, dated 2nd current, intimating his resignation as the representative on the Council for the South Shettleston Electoral Division, the greater portion of which had been annexed to Glasgow by the Glasgow Boundaries Act, 1912. His resignation was accepted.

The meeting delayed for consideration the question of appointing a successor to Mr. Wheatley.

Appointment of Convener.

The meeting having proceeded, in terms of the Statute, to the election of a Convener of the County for the year 1913, Mr. Hope Vere moved that Colonel King Stewart be reappointed, which was seconded by Mr. William Speirs, and unanimously agreed to. Colonel King Stewart acknowledged the honour conferred upon him.

Appointment of Vice Convener.

Thereafter, on the motion of Mr. Alexander Pillans, seconded by Mr. Alexander Hamilton, Mr. William Neilson was unanimously reappointed Vice-Convener for the same period. Mr. Neilson thanked the meeting for the honour conferred upon him.

County Road Board.

The meeting having proceeded, in terms of the Statute, to appoint a County Road Board for the ensuing year, it was agreed that the following members of the Council should constitute the Board, and they were appointed accordingly, viz.:—

J. P. Baird.
Sir Nathaniel Dunlop.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
Rev. C. M'Kune.
Andrew Murdoch.
John D. Scott.
James C. Hope Vere.
Thomas Arnot.
William Barr.
Colonel Buchanan.
James Cameron.
W. W. Chapman.
Thomas G. Cowan.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
Robert Lambie.
William Love.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
William Neilson.
James C. Pollok.
James Steele.
Robert Sharp.
Colonel King Stewart.
John Todd.
Thomas Watt.
John Adam.
James Anderson.
J. Raeside Auld.
Walter C. B. Christie.
D. Kinloch Michie.
William Speirs.

Joint-Bridges Committee.

The following were appointed a Joint-Bridge Committee, or the Council's quota of the Joint-Bridges Committee, in virtue of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, viz.:—

James Anderson.
Walter C. B. Christie.
William Davie.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
James Tonner.

Quota of Lanark District Lunacy Board.

In accordance with the Rules prescribed by the General Board of Lunacy, the meeting proceeded to appoint the Council's quota of the Lanark District Lunacy Board, and appointed the following members to represent the Council on the said Board, viz.:—

Walter C. B. Christie.
James H. Fenton.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
John Jackson.
William Neilson.
Alexander Pillans.
Dr. Robertson.
Robert Sharp.
George Stalker.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Templeton.
James C. Hope Vere.

Council's quota of Glasgow Court House Commission.

The following members were appointed to represent the Council on the Glasgow Court House Commission, viz. :—

John Adam.
James Anderson.
J. Raeside Auld.
Walter C. B. Christie.
William Davie.
Sir Nathaniel Dunlop.
D. Kinloch Michie.
James Prentice.
Gavin A. Shanks.
William Speirs.
Colonel King Stewart.

Glasgow Prisons Visiting Committee.

As required by the Rules of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland, the meeting proceeded to appoint the Council's quota of the committee for visiting Glasgow Prisons (Barlinnie and Duke Street), and appointed the following members to represent the Council on the said committee :—

John Adam.
J. Raeside Auld.
Walter C. B. Christie.
William Davie.

County Councils' Association.—Mr. George Fraser appointed in place of Mr. John D. Scott.

Mr. John D. Scott having intimated his resignation as one of the Council's representatives on the County Councils' Association, the meeting unanimously appointed Mr. George Fraser to fill the vacancy.

Report of Consent of Standing Joint-Committee.

There was submitted a report of consent of the Standing Joint-Committee of the County, given in pursuance of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, in relation to capital works and to the borrowing of the sums necessary to meet the expense thereof (forming Appendix I. to this minute), which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council.

Report of County Road Board.

The Clerk laid before the meeting a report of the County Road Board (forming Appendix II. to this minute), which had also been printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council.

Roads added to List of Highways.

The Clerk submitted evidence of the advertisement and certificates of the posting of notices, as required by the Act, together with Certificates by the Road Surveyor that the following roads recommended to be assumed as highways were in a condition to be taken over, viz. :—

In the District of the Middle Ward.

Parish of Glasford—

The new or diverted portion or Muirburn Highway, from a point at the entrance to Glasford Burial Ground, southwards through Manse Garden to the junction of the existing Highway, a distance of 31 yards or thereby.

In the District of the Lower Ward.

Parish of Cadder—

Beechmount Road, from the termination of the existing Highway to Auchinloch Road, a distance of 109 yards or thereby.

The report of the County Road Board, so far as relating to the roads above mentioned, was unanimously adopted, and the meeting resolved that the said roads be added to the List of Highways made up in terms of Section 41 of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878.

Road to cease to be Highway.

The meeting also resolved, and hereby resolve, that the following road, or part of road, shall cease to be a Highway within the meaning and for the purposes of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, viz. :—

In the District of the Middle Ward.

Parish of Glasford—

Muirburn Highway, from a point at the entrance to Kirkstyle Farm southwards to its junction with the new or diverted portion of road, a distance of 10 yards or thereby.

The meeting further resolved, and hereby resolve, to declare that the portion of Muirburn Highway above described shall be shut up. *Road to be shut up.*

In terms of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, there was laid before the meeting a report by the County Analyst for the quarter ended 30th September last (forming Appendix III. to this minute), a print of which had been sent to each member of the Council. *Report by County Analyst under Sale of Food and Drugs Act.*

There was laid before the meeting a report by the District Agricultural Analyst under the Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1906, for the quarter ended 30th September last (forming Appendix IV. to this minute), which had also been printed and sent to each member of the Council. *Report by District Agricultural Analyst under Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1906*

A printed abstract of the valuation of the County for the current year, giving a comparison with that for 1911-12 (forming Appendix V. to this minute), a copy of which had been sent to each member of the Council, was laid upon the table. *Abstract of Valuation.*

The following minutes of committees and sub-committees, and of the County Road Board, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council were laid before the meeting, viz.:— *Minutes of committees.*

(1) Joint-Committee on National Insurance Act, of date 9th October, 1912.

(2) Executive Committee, of dates 16th and 28th October, and 13th and 20th November, 1912.

(3) General Purposes Committee, of date 23rd October, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Shops Act, of dates 23rd October and 13th November, 1912.

(4) Sub-Committee of Fire Brigades Committee on Proposed Re-arrangement of Brigades, of date 23rd October, 1912.

(5) Weights and Measures Committee, of dates 23rd October and 27th November, 1912.

(6) Parliamentary Bills Committee, of dates 23rd October, 6th and 27th November, and 4th December, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Lanarkshire Tramways, of dates 15th and 23rd October, and 20th November, 1912.

(7) Committee on Inebriates Acts, of date 23rd October, 1912.

(8) Committee on Electric Lighting Orders, of date 30th October, 1912.

(9) Finance Committee, of dates 6th November and 4th December, 1912.

(10) Joint-Meeting of Finance and Parliamentary Bills Committees regarding Reconstitution of Committees, of date 13th November, 1912.

(11) County Road Board, of date 20th November, 1912.

Committee regarding Action by Lanarkshire Tramways Company, of date 27th November, 1912.

(12) Public Health Committee, of date 27th November, 1912.

Sub-Committee on Milk Standards, of date 6th November, 1912.

(13) Joint-Committee on Cambuslang Electric Lighting, &c., of date 27th November, 1912.

(14) Business Committee, of dates 30th October and 4th December, 1912.

(15) Explosives Committee (Hamilton District), of date 25th October, 1912.

(16) Explosives Committee (Airdrie District), of date 8th November, 1912.

Applications relative to borrowing.

The meeting thereafter resolved, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Finance Committee. to borrow the following sums on the security of the rates chargeable therewith, subject to the consent of the Standing Joint-Committee being obtained, in terms of the Statute, and it was remitted to the Finance Committee to obtain the amounts when required, and to fix the time or times within which they shall be repaid, and the meeting authorised the Convener or Vice-Convener and the Clerk to sign the minutes attached to the several applications, viz. :—

(*a*) £50 for the erection of public latrines and urinals in Douglas Special Scavenging District.

(*b*) £160 for the provision and erection of lamp pillars and the laying of pipes within the Baillieston Special Lighting District.

(*c*) £211 for the conversion of gas lamps into electric lamps within the Cambuslang Special Lighting District.

(*d*) £300 for the provision of lamps, &c., in connection with an extension of electric lighting system within the Cambuslang Special Lighting District.

(*e*) £900 for the erection of a water tank at Hirst Hill, in the parish of Shotts, and the laying of pipe from Newhouse at Hirst under the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Acts.

(*f*) (1) £150 for the laying of sewer in Pettigrew Street, Shettleston, and (2) £1,608 10s. 11d., being the District Committee's quota of the excess Capital Expenditure in connection with the Sewage Purification Works at Westthorn, both within the Barony Special Drainage District.

(*g*) £247 for the erection of additional lamps and lamp-posts within the Shettleston and Tollcross Special Lighting District.

(*h*) £70 for the laying of a sewer in Lindsaybeg Road within the Chryston and Muirhead Special Drainage District.

(*i*) £200 for the purpose of completing the provision of fire hydrants in the District of the Middle Ward.

Consideration delayed of minutes of Parliamentary Bills Committee so far as these relate to the promotion of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.

It was agreed to delay consideration of the minutes of the Parliamentary Bills Committee and Sub-Committees so far as these relate to the promotion of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order until the special meeting of the Council to be held the same day.

Airdrie Court-Houses additions.—Remit to Finance Committee.

Under reference to the minutes of the Finance Committee it was agreed to remit to the committee the full powers of the Council to deal with the question of the additions to the Airdrie Court-Houses.

Approval of minutes.

The meeting thereafter, subject to the foregoing resolutions, unanimously approved of the minutes of the County Road Board, and of the committees and sub-committees above-mentioned.

Shops Act, 1912.—Operation during Christmas and New Year weeks.

The attention of the Council having been directed to certain anticipated difficulties in connection with the operation of the Shops Act, 1912, during Christmas and New Year weeks, Colonel Buchanan, chairman of the General Purposes Committee, made suggestions with a view to obviating any hardship which a strict enforcement of the Act might involve, of which the meeting approved.

Bye-laws regulating places of refreshment.—Motion by Mr. Hamilton.

In accordance with the notice of motion given by him, Mr. Alexander Hamilton moved "that the County Council amend the bye-laws made by them under the Burgh Police (Scotland) Amendment Act to the effect that places of refreshment in the Middle Ward of the County be closed all day on Sunday." The motion was seconded by Mr. William Neilson.

By way of amendment, Mr. Thomas Watt moved the previous question, which was seconded by Mr. John Adam. *Amendment by Mr. Watt.*

On the amendment and motion being put to the meeting, and a vote being taken by way of a show of hands, a majority voted in favour of the amendment, which the Convener accordingly declared carried. *Amendment carried.*

There having been submitted a communication from the Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward, of date 22nd October, 1912, transmitting copy of proposed new bye-laws regulating the building or rebuilding of houses or buildings, the meeting agreed to remit the matter to the Public Health Committee, with full powers. *Communication from Clerk to District Committee of Middle Ward regarding proposed new bye-laws regulating the building or rebuilding of houses or buildings.*

There was laid before the meeting a communication from the Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward, of date 29th October, 1912, transmitting resolution by the District Committee to form a special drainage district in the Parishes of Shotts and Cambusnethan, to include Shotts, Dykehead, and Stane. *Communication from Clerk to District Committee of Middle Ward regarding formation of special drainage district in Parishes of Shotts and Cambusnethan.*

There having been laid before the meeting a communication from the Clerk to the County of Lanark Insurance Committee, of date 7th November, 1912, enclosing scheme for appointment of District Insurance Committees, the meeting remitted the matter to the committee appointed under the National Insurance Act, with powers. *Communication from Clerk to County of Lanark Insurance Committee regarding scheme for appointment of District Insurance Committees.*

The Clerk submitted a communication from Mr. J. Guthrie Smith, Clerk to Faculty of Procurators, regarding the change made by the Inland Revenue Department in the direction of centralising the administration and collection of death duties in Edinburgh, and inviting an expression of opinion from this Council on the subject. The meeting expressed disapproval of the change, and agreed to support the Faculty of Procurators in their endeavour to secure the establishment of a branch of the Inland Revenue in Glasgow. *Communication from Clerk to Faculty of Procurators regarding change in direction of centralising the administration and collection of death duties in Edinburgh.*

The Clerk submitted a communication from the District Committee of the Lower Ward, of date 5th December, 1912, intimating the appointment of Mr. James A. M'Callum, as District Clerk and Treasurer, at a salary of £1,050 per annum, to cover outlays for clerks' salaries, office rent, heating, lighting, cleaning, assessments, and generally all charges for office accommodation. *Communication from Lower Ward District Committee intimating appointment of Mr. James A. M'Callum as District Clerk and Treasurer.*

Mr. J. Raeside Auld moved that the Council disapprove of the salary named, which was seconded by Mr. William Davie. *Motion by Mr. Auld.*

By way of amendment, Mr. William Speirs moved that the Council approve of the salary proposed to be fixed by the District Committee, which was seconded by Mr. James Anderson. *Amendment by Mr. Speirs.*

On the amendment and motion being put to the meeting, and a vote being taken by way of a show of hands, a majority voted in favour of the motion, which the Convener accordingly declared carried. *Motion carried.*

On the motion of the Convener, the Council resolved, on the requisition of the District Committees of the Upper, Middle, and Lower Wards, to adopt, and hereby adopt, under and in terms of Sub-section 2 of Section 10 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1908, Sections 144, 145, 158, and 191 to 200 (as amended by the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1903), inclusive, of the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, within all existing special lighting, scavenging, drainage, and water districts in the Upper, Middle, and Lower Wards of the County, formed under the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894, or the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, so far as the sections of the said Act of 1908 above specified have not already been adopted therein, and determined that this resolution shall take effect in the special districts referred to from and after 31st December, 1912. *Adoption of sections of Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, within certain special districts in Upper, Middle, and Lower Wards.*

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1913.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 11th December, 1912, being a Meeting of the Executive Committee as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the County of Lanark. — 11th December, 1912.

Present—

William Barr.	John M. Loudon.
James Cameron.	William Love.
Samuel Forrest.	Rev. C. M'Kune.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Neilson.
John Jackson.	James Prentice.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.	William Sym.
	William Templeton.

Attending—

Hugh Begg, F.R.C.V.S., County Veterinary Inspector.

Mr. Templeton, chairman of the committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 20th November, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting the following Orders by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order, viz. :— — *Foot-and-mouth disease. — Orders by Board of Agriculture.*

(1) Animals (Landing from Ireland) Consolidation and Amendment Order of 1912 (dated 21st November, 1912).

(2) Animals (Landing from Ireland) Amendment Order of 1912 (dated 27th November, 1912).

(3) Animals (Landing from Ireland) Order of 1912 (dated 4th December, 1912).

(4) Kent (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Order of 1912 (dated 5th December, 1912).

By way of explaining the above Orders, the Clerk stated as follows, viz. :—

(1) This Order consolidates and amends previous Orders, and provides (*a*) that animals from Ireland *intended for immediate slaughter* shall be slaughtered within ten days of landing, and (*b*) that animals *not intended for slaughter* shall be subject to detention for 14 days from date of leaving Ireland, and a subsequent period of 21 days at place of destination.

(2) This Order amends the previous Order to the extent of shortening the period of detention in the case of animals *not intended for slaughter* from 14 days to 4 days.

In consequence of further outbreaks of disease having been discovered in Ireland and amongst animals landed at Birkenhead, the Board, on 4th December, made the Order—

(3) which prohibits, until otherwise ordered, the landing in Great Britain of any animals from Ireland.

(4) In consequence of an outbreak of the disease in Kent, this Order prescribes an area and imposes the usual restrictions on movement.

Since the date of the last-mentioned Order relating to Irish stock, the President of the Board of Agriculture had intimated his intention of relaxing the restrictions as regards the landing of fat stock from districts in Ireland which were not under suspicion. With regard to *store cattle*, all that the President could say was that until there had been a much clearer definition of the problem in Ireland he could not make any further statement.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed to adhere to the present Regulations meantime.

There were also submitted to the meeting the following Orders, viz. :—

(1) The Foreign Hay and Straw (Amendment) Order of 1912, which revokes the former Order prohibiting the landing of hay and straw in Australia; and

(2) The Glasgow Piggeries (Swine Fever) Order of 1912, which imposes restrictions upon the movement into and out of an area in the Parish of Govan within the City of Glasgow in which swine fever has broken out.

Notifications under Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order of 1907.

The Clerk reported that since the date of last meeting 18 cases had been notified under the Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order of 1907, and that of these one had been certified to be a case of anthrax, the particulars of the outbreak being as follows :—

Anthrax.

Millhill Farm, Pettinain (John Struthers).

The animal affected was a 13½ months' old Ayrshire quey, which had been bred on the farm. The feeding consisted of Bombay cotton cake and compound cotton cake. It is suspected that the feeding stuff was the cause of the outbreak. There remained on the premises 44 cattle, 73 sheep, 4 horses, and 1 dog.

The Clerk stated that the diagnosis of the County Veterinary Inspector had been confirmed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries; that the carcase had been removed to Omoa Knackery and there destroyed, and that the usual precautionary measures had been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Report by Clerk as to circumstances of case.

As relative to the above case, the Clerk explained that the circumstances were somewhat exceptional. The animal died on 25th November, and was bled by the owner. A veterinary surgeon had been sent for, but he arrived after the animal's death, and a horse slaughterer had meanwhile been allowed to dress the carcase. The veterinary surgeon on examining the spleen of the animal was suspicious that it was a case of anthrax, and accordingly reported it. A foot of the carcase was missing, and it was thought that a dog on the premises had carried it off. The dog was placed under quarantine, and no serious developments have since arisen.

Proceedings to be taken.

After discussion, the committee instructed the Clerk to have a police information prepared with a view to proceedings being instituted against the owner of the animal.

Parasitic mange

The Clerk reported that on 7th current a case of parasitic mange had been reported in a stable at Lauchhope Street, Chapelhall, the animal in question being a five-year-old brown gelding, belonging to the Chapelhall Co-operative Society; that the usual instructions had been given to the owner as to treatment, and that precautionary measures had been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Sheep Dipping (Scotland and North of England) Order, 1907. — Contravention.

There was submitted to the meeting information which had been received from the police of an alleged contravention of the Sheep Dipping (Scotland and North of England) Order of 1907, by Murdoch M'Callum, Wester Barnego, Denny, in respect that he failed to send a declaration as to the dipping of 90 sheep at Hallbrae and Maryborough Farms, New Monkland, and 206 sheep at Bankhead Farm, Old Monkland.

Proceedings to be taken.

The Clerk having explained the circumstances of the case, the meeting instructed him to send the information to the Procurator-Fiscal with a view to proceedings being taken.

Result of prosecution.

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting, the Clerk intimated the result of proceedings which had been taken against—

John Muirhead, Millridge Farm, Liberton, for a contravention of the Sheep Dipping (Scotland and North of England) Order of 1907. The accused pled guilty, and was fined £5, with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment. The fine was paid.

Swine Fever.—Outbreaks.

The Clerk stated that since the date of last meeting the following premises had been defined as swine fever infected places under the Swine Fever Orders, viz. :—

266½ Glasgow Road, Wishaw (James Lochrie).
Milligan Syke Farm, Newarthill (Richard M'Laren).
Little Earnock, by Hamilton (William M'Kechnie).
Blackburn Farm, Strathaven (Thomas Lambie).
15 Millar Street, Larkhall (Neil Wood).
Fairholm House, Larkhall (Col. Stanley Paterson).
Neuk Farm, Stonehouse (Mungo Shearer).
Townend, Stonehouse (John Stobo).
Turnlaw Farm, Cambuslang (Thomas M'Aulay).
Starryshaw Farm, Shotts (William Kerr).
Greenbank, Carluke (John M'Morran).
Main Street, Kirkmuirhill (David Arthur).
Ponfeigh, Lanark (John Tennant).
Balgray Farm, Abington (James Cullen).
Stane, Biggar (James Meikleham).
Spittal, Biggar (Thomas Mitchell).
Langshaw, Braidwood (Adam Thomson).
Carluke (Thomas Ramsay).
Milton House, Carluke (William Sommerville).
Auldton, Lesmahagow (Gavin Hamilton).
Forth, Lanark (Alexander Ross).
Greentowers, Lanark (Thomas Muirhead).
Middlequarter, Carluke (John Smith).
Netherfauldhouse, Lesmahagow (James Kirk).
West Forth, Lanark (Robert Anderson).
Burnhouse, Sandilands (Alexander Watt).
Hyndfordbridge, Lanark (Newbigging & Wilson).
Westraw Mains, Pettinain (Charles Prentice).
180 Craigneuk Street, Wishaw (James Mullen).
Wilsontown, Forth (Mrs. M'Allister).
Jerviswood, Lanark (James M'Kechnie).
Woodside, Morningside, Newmains (John Clelland).
Yett Farm, Newarthill (John Gray).
Crawfordjohn Mill Farm, Crawfordjohn (James Thomson).

It was explained that in nearly all the above cases restrictions were imposed because the swine had been in contact with other swine affected with the disease, which had come from the premises of John Gray, Yett Farm, Newarthill; that the

restrictions had been withdrawn in the first named case, and also in the case of Alton Heights Cottages, Lesmahagow (James M'Laughlin), reported to last meeting.

Contravention of Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement) Order.

The Clerk submitted police information as to an alleged contravention of the Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement) Order by Alexander Adams, Dublin Row, Kirkfieldbank, in respect of his having moved two young pigs from Lanark Auction Mart to his premises without a licence.

No proceedings to be taken.

The meeting agreed that, in the circumstances, proceedings should not be taken in this case.

Sheep Dipping (Scotland and North of England) Order, 1907.—Statement of dippings, &c.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the following statement as to the number of dippings which had taken place under the Sheep Dipping (Scotland and North of England) Order of 1907 during the second dipping period of 1912, viz. :—

Number of dippings, ...	1,045
Number of sheep dipped, ...	215,843
Number of dippings attended by constabulary,... ...	848

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

15th January, 1913.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 15th January, 1913, being a Meeting of the Executive Committee as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the County of Lanark.

Present—

J. P. Baird.
William Barr.
W. W. Chapman.
Samuel Forrest.
Alexander Hamilton.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
John M. Loudon.
William Love.
William Neilson.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Templeton.
William Sym.

Attending—

Hugh Begg, F.R.C.V.S., County Veterinary Inspector.

Chairman.

Mr. Templeton, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 11th December, 1912, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Foot-and-Mouth Disease. — Further Orders by Board of Agriculture.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting various Orders by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries amending the Animals (Landing from Ireland) Consolidation and Amendment Order of 1912, which had been submitted to the last meeting of the committee.

The Clerk explained the effect of these Orders, as follows :—

Animals intended for slaughter—

That these animals require to be slaughtered at the landing place within 10 days of landing.

Cattle not intended for slaughter—

(*a*) That cattle not intended for slaughter shall not be moved until a Veterinary Inspector of the Board certifies that all the animals forming the cargo are free from foot-and-mouth disease, which certificate shall not be given unless and until the whole cargo has been examined by an Inspector of the Board, and until the expiration of 12 hours after the landing of the last animal of the cargo; and

(*b*) That the animals shall be moved to the place of detention, and there detained and isolated, under the supervision of the Veterinary Inspector of the Local Authority, from other animals for a period of 21 days after the date of their arrival, unless they are previously slaughtered in the place of detention.

Revocation of regulation

The meeting, after discussion, agreed to revoke and hereby revoke the Regulations made by the committee on 20th November, 1912, which—

(1) Prohibited the movement into the County of animals landed in Great Britain from Ireland since the 1st day of November, 1912; and

(2) Provided that animals from England or Wales moved into the County should be accompanied by a Declaration.

Inspection of animals by County's Veterinary Inspector.

The meeting at the same time agreed that animals moved into the district of this Local Authority under the Orders of the Board above referred to should, during the period of detention, be subject to strict supervision, and that they should also be inspected by the Local Authority's Veterinary Inspector at least twice during that period.

Further veterinary assistance to be obtained.

To enable the Veterinary Inspector to carry out the inspection efficiently in conjunction with his other duties, the meeting authorised him to employ, if necessary, a temporary assistant.

New Orders by Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

There were also laid before the meeting the following Orders of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, viz. :—

(1) Kent (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Orders of 1912—various.

(2) Importation of Sheep from Scotland Order of 1912 (No. 2), dated 31st December, 1912.

Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order of 1907.—Notifications.

The Clerk reported that since the date of last meeting 14 cases had been notified under the Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order of 1907, but that no case of anthrax had occurred.

Anthrax.—Withdrawal of restrictions.

The Clerk also stated that the restrictions in the case of anthrax at Millhill Farm, Pettinain, reported to last meeting of the committee had now been withdrawn.

Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order of 1907 and Anthrax Order.—Result of prosecution.

The Clerk reported that, as instructed at the last meeting, he had transmitted the information in the case of John Struthers for an alleged contravention of the Anthrax Order and the Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order of 1907 to the Procurator-Fiscal at Lanark, with the result that the accused was convicted, and admonished.

Parasitic mange.—Case notified.

There was submitted a report by the Veterinary Inspector of a case of parasitic mange at 1 Ladysmith Street, Craigneuk, Wishaw, the animal affected being an aged mare belonging to Robert C. M'Laren, baker. The Veterinary Inspector stated that the usual precautions had been taken for treating the animal, and for preventing the spread of the disease.

Swine fever.—Infected places.

The Clerk stated that since the date of last meeting the following premises had been defined as swine fever infected places under the Swine Fever Orders, viz. :—

1. Rogerfield, Easterhouse (Andrew Symon).
2. Jerviswood Farm, Lanark (James M'Kechnie).
3. Bamflatts Farm, Strathaven (James M'Kenzie).
4. Sornfallow, Lamington (William Plenderleith).
5. Low Longrigg Farm, Stonehouse (Thomas Watson).
6. Kirkhill Farm, Morningside (John Wilson).
7. Ponfeigh Place, Douglas Water (John Tennant).
8. North Garngouk Farm, Lesmahagow (James Orr).
9. West Mains, Stonehouse (James Allan).
10. Damhill, Kirkfieldbank (Alexander Gray).
11. Kingsonknowe, Lanark (William Mullen).
12. Auldton, Lesmahagow (Gavin Hamilton).
13. Potters Land, Wattstown, Greengairs (Robert Wilson).
14. 4 Townhead Street, Stonehouse (Henry Bambrick).
15. North Bankend Farm, Coalburn (Thomas Steele).
16. Bridge End, Kirkfieldbank (Thomas Mitchell).
17. Birkenhead Farm, Carluke (James Wilson).
18. John Street, Lambhill (William Connor).

Withdrawal of restrictions.

The Clerk further stated that the restrictions had been withdrawn in cases Nos. 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, and 16 above mentioned, and also in the cases reported to last meeting, with seven exceptions, which he indicated.

Swine Fever Orders.—Contravention by William Forrest, Crawfordjohn.—No proceedings to be taken.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting information by the police against William Forrest, Holmhead Farm, Parish of Crawfordjohn, for an alleged contravention of the Swine Fever Orders, in respect of his having moved three young pigs from the Lanark Auction Mart to his premises without the necessary licence. The meeting, after consideration, agreed that no proceedings should be instituted in this case.

Wart disease of potatoes.—Communication from Fife County Council.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a communication from the Fife County Council, transmitting copy of a letter addressed by them to the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries on the subject of wart disease of potatoes. The communication referred to a circular letter from the Board, in which the Board had suggested that this disease was attributable to the importation of diseased seed potatoes. The Fifeshire authorities state that the disease may also be attributed to the importation of diseased potatoes imported for consumption, and that their Inspectors had found the disease prevalent in ashpits, and in this way it had spread to the land. They refer to the action of the Canadian authorities, who, in order to protect their crops, had prohibited entirely the importation of potatoes from European countries, and they suggested that all potatoes imported for consumption should at least be inspected. The Fifeshire authorities request the co-operation of this Local Authority in regard to the matter.

Consideration of matter delayed.

The meeting, after discussion, agreed to continue consideration of the matter pending information as to whether the disease in question existed to any extent in the County.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 18th December, 1912, being a Meeting of the Committee appointed by the County Council under the National Insurance Act. 18th December, 1912.

Present—

George Fraser.	William Neilson.
Robert Lambie.	William Speirs.

Attending—

Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

In the absence of Colonel King Stewart, Mr. Neilson was appointed chairman of the meeting. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 26th June, 1912, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, were approved of and signed. *Minute of last meeting.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter which he had received from Mr. W. M. Marshall, Clerk to the County of Lanark Insurance Committee, which was in the following terms, viz. :— *Letter from Clerk to County Insurance Committee.*

" 3 Merry Street,

" Motherwell, 7th November, 1912.

" Dear Sir,

" You are no doubt aware that by Section 59 (4) of the National Insurance Act it is provided that the Insurance Committee of the County must prepare, after consultation with the County Council, a scheme for the appointment of District Insurance Committees within the County, prescribing the area to be assigned to each such committee, and providing also for the appointment of a District Insurance Committee for each Burgh within the County, with a proviso that any adjoining areas may be grouped with the Burgh for the purposes of the appointment.

" My committee have prepared a scheme for the appointment of District Committees for the County of Lanark, and I now forward herewith four copies of the statement with details of the scheme. I shall be glad if you will kindly submit this to the appropriate commttee for their consideration, and I shall be glad to hear from you thereafter that the scheme has been approved.

" It is desirable that this matter should be completed before the end of the year.

" Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) " W. M. MARSHALL,
" *Clerk.*"

Scheme.

The Clerk stated that he had sent to each of the committee a print of the scheme (Appendix) referred to in the above communication.

Views of committee upon scheme.

The meeting, after discussion, instructed the Clerk to say that the committee would have preferred that the scheme should have followed the lines adopted in connection with the appointment of local sub-committees under the Old Age Pension Act, but they presumed that financial and other considerations rendered this impracticable, and that, in the circumstances, the committee did not propose to offer any further observations except to remark that, assuming that the proposed scheme so far as relating to the division of the County was adopted, the size of the respective committees might be reduced without impairing their usefulness. It was, however, agreed that the members of this committee who were also members of the County of Lanark Insurance Committee should further consider the matter with a view to offering any suggestions which may occur to them.

Tuberculosis Caravan Exhibition.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting letters from the County Medical Officer, of dates 29th October and 13th November, transmitting—

(1) Communication from the Secretary of the Tuberculosis Caravan Exhibition, enquiring as to whether it would be desirable to arrange for a tour throughout the County of Lanark; and

(2) Letter from Dr. Macdonald, County Medical Officer of Ayrshire, in which County such exhibitions had taken place.

The meeting agreed to continue this matter for further consideration.

APPENDIX.

COUNTY OF LANARK INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

SCHEME FOR APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT INSURANCE COMMITTEES.

Under Section 59 Sub-section 4 of the National Insurance Act it is provided hat the Insurance Commissioners may make regulations dealing with the constitution f District Insurance Committees, and for apportioning among the several District nsurance Committees the powers and duties of the Insurance Committee. It is urther provided that the regulations so made shall require the Insurance Committee f every County (except in cases where, owing to special circumstances, the Com- issioners consider it unnecessary), within six months after the commencement of he Act, to prepare, after consultation with the County Council, and submit for pproval to the Commissioners, a scheme for the appointment of District Insurance ommittees for the County, and prescribing the area to be assigned to each such ommittee, and in particular the scheme shall provide for the appointment of a istrict Insurance Committee for each burgh within the County, but if the Insurance ommittee or, on appeal, the Insurance Commissioners consider it expedient in the ase of any such burgh any adjoining areas may be grouped with such burgh for he purpose of the appointment of a District Insurance Committee.

The Scottish Insurance Commissioners have now framed and issued Regulations o. 8 for the procedure of Insurance Committees and the appointment of sub- ommittees, and they have also issued Regulations No. 9 dealing with the constitution f District Insurance Committees.

By Regulations No. 9 the committee of every County are required (except in ases where, owing to special circumstances, the Commissioners consider it unneces- ary, and so intimate in writing to the committee), within six months after the com- encement of the Act, to prepare and submit for approval to the Commissioners a cheme for the appointment of District Insurance Committees for the County in ccordance with provisions therein contained.

The said regulations further provide that such a District Insurance Committee ay, with the approval of the committee and the Commissioners, appoint such officers r servants as it may consider necessary for the carrying out of its business and the ue execution of the powers and duties delegated to it by the committee, and shall ay to such officers and servants such salaries or wages as may be assigned by the ommittee with the approval of the Commissioners. The committee must also pportion to each District Insurance Committee such proportion of the sums receivable y the committee to meet administrative expenses as may be necessary to meet the alaries and wages of officials and servants appointed as aforesaid and other admini- trative expenses of the District Insurance Committees approved by the committee.

It is important to notice that no expenditure can be incurred by the District nsurance Committees without the consent of the committee, and that every District ommittee must report its proceedings to the committee at such times and in such anner as the committee shall appoint. The committee also are specially debarred rom delegating to the District Committees any power to make arrangements for he treatment of tuberculosis or any negotiations with medical practitioners or local edical committee and chemists regarding the terms and general arrangements under hich medical treatment, medicines, and appliances are to be afforded or supplied ithin the administrative area.

The County is at present divided into three areas forming separate administrative units for purposes of public health, drainage, lighting, scavenging, &c., and known as the Upper, Middle, and Lower Wards. The Middle Ward is largely urban in character, and contains a very large population. For certain purposes it is divided into three divisions.

It is suggested that five District Committees should be constituted dealing with portions of the County as follows:—One District Committee would deal with the Upper Ward and one with the Lower Ward. There would be three District Committees dealing with the area of the Middle Ward, as follows:—The First Division would control the Parishes of Avondale, Glasford, Stonehouse, and East Kilbride; the Second Division would include Blantyre, Bothwell, Cambuslang, Cambusnethan, Dalserf, Dalziel, and Hamilton; the Third Division would include New Monkland, Old Monkland, and Shotts.

Each District Committee would consist of the members of the Insurance Committee who either resided or were specially interested in the particular area, together with representatives from the area nominated by the Town Councils and the District Committees of the County.

The District Committee dealing with the Upper Ward would consist of twenty-one members. Of these, eleven would be members of the Insurance Committee. The Town Council of Lanark would be requested to nominate three members, the Town Council of Biggar, two members, and the Upper Ward District Committee, five members. This District Committee might meet in Lanark, Biggar, Lesmahagow, and Glasgow alternately, or as might be settled by the Committee.

The District Committee dealing with the First Division of the Middle Ward would be eleven in number. Of these, seven would be members of the Insurance Committee, and four would be nominated by the Middle Ward District Committee.

The District Committee dealing with the Second Division of the Middle Ward would consist of twenty-one members. Fourteen would be members of the Insurance Committee, and seven would be nominated by the Middle Ward District Committee.

The District Committee dealing with the Third Division of the Middle Ward would consist of eleven members. Seven would be members of the Insurance Committee, and four would be nominated by the Middle Ward District Committee.

The District Committees for the Middle Ward might meet in Glasgow, Hamilton, Motherwell, or elsewhere as they might find convenient.

The Lower Ward District Committee would consist of twenty-one members. Fourteen would be members of the Insurance Committee, and seven would be nominated by the Lower Ward District Committee. This District Committee would meet in Glasgow, being the most convenient meeting place.

It is believed that these District Committees would be ample, and that their suggested constitution would ensure a proper representation from the respective areas. It is suggested that the Clerk to the Insurance Committee would act as Clerk to the separate District Committees, and that he would attend all meetings of the District Committees. In this way the establishment of the District Committees would not entail a great deal of extra expense, and unnecessary correspondence, reports, and meetings would be avoided.

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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 18th December, 1912, being a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council of Lanark. — 18th December, 1912.

Present—

WILLIAM DAVIE. | JOHN LOUDON.
ALEXANDER HAMILTON. | WILLIAM NEILSON.
WILLIAM SPEIRS.

Attending—

Captain DESPARD, Chief Constable of the County.

Chairman.

In the absence of Colonel Buchanan, from whom an apology was intimated, Mr. Speirs was appointed chairman of the meeting.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 23rd October, which had been submitted to, and approved of by, the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed.

Minutes of Sub-Committee regarding Shops Act, 1912.

The minutes of the sub-committee appointed with reference to the Shops Act, 1912, of date 13th November (Appendix I.), which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of.

Shops Act, 1912.—Proposed Closing Order for Parish of Cambuslang.—Steps taken.

The Clerk reported with reference to the proposed Closing Order for the Parish of Cambuslang, under the Shops Act, 1912, that notice of intention to make an Order had been duly advertised, and that one month had been given to the shopkeepers to enable them to examine the Register of Shops with a view to verifying that their names, addresses, and trades were correctly entered therein, and also to afford them an opportunity of making any objections or any observations regarding the proposals of the Order, and he stated that only two objections had been received, these being from

(1) James Kay, hatter and hosier, 231 Main Street, Cambuslang; and

(2) James Grant, hatter, hosier, and glover, 188 Main Street, Cambuslang,

both of whom objected to the closing hour on Saturdays being fixed at 10 o'clock, and to hatters and hosiers being included in the same class as drapers and clothiers.

Objections received.—Committee's decision.

The meeting, after careful consideration, agreed to exclude the trade or business of hatter from the scope of the Order, but to include the trade or business of hosier in the same class as draper and clothier, and the register was altered accordingly.

Vote to be taken.

The meeting thereafter instructed the Clerk to proceed to take a vote of the shopkeepers to be affected by the proposed Order in the manner prescribed by the regulations made by the Secretary for Scotland under the Act.

Proposed Closing Order for Baillieston.

With regard to the proposed Closing Order for Baillieston, the Clerk stated that the terms of the Order having now been adjusted with the Merchants' Association, he had, in accordance with the instructions of the sub-committee, given notice of intention to make an Order to be applicable within the Baillieston Special Lighting District, and that the same had been duly advertised in accordance with the Regulations.

Lower Ward District.—Proposed Half-Holiday Order.

The meeting approved of the recommendation of the Sub-Committee that a Half-Holiday Order should be made for the Lower Ward District, fixing Tuesday as the day of the weekly half-holiday, and instructed the Clerk to take the necessary steps, with a view to the making of such an Order.

Proposed Half-Holiday Order for Parish of Carluke.

As regards the proposed Half-Holiday Order for the Parish of Carluke, the Clerk stated that as instructed he had informed the Merchants' Association of the result of the recent plebiscite, but that so far he had received no reply indicating their views as to whether or not an Order should be proceeded with.

Proposed Closing Order for Parish of Lesmahagow.—Letter from Merchants' Association.

With reference to the proposed Closing Order for Lesmahagow, the Clerk submitted a letter from the Merchants' Association stating that the adverse results of the voting were partly due to diverse views as to the proper day to be observed as the weekly half-holiday, but that further experience of the working of the Act might conduce to greater unanimity.

Communication from Tollcross Co-operative Society, Ltd., re day of weekly half-holiday.

The Clerk submitted a letter from the Secretary of the Tollcross Co-operative Society, Ltd., of date 18th November, requesting permission to close their shops at Carmyle and at Broomhouse on Tuesday instead of Wednesday, as prescribed in the Weekly Half-Holiday Order.

Committee's decision.

The Clerk reported that he had acknowledged this communication and stated that while he would submit it to the Committee he could not advise them to accede to the request made. The meeting approved of the Clerk's reply.

Telephone facilities for Forth District.—Letter from General Post Office, Edinburgh.

With reference to the proposed introduction of telephones to Forth District and to the representations which, by the instructions of the Committee, had been made to the Postmaster-General on the subject, the Clerk submitted a reply which he had received from the Secretary of the General Post Office, Edinburgh, and which was in the following terms, viz. :—

"General Post Office, Edinburgh,
"4th December, 1912.

"SIR,

"With reference to your further letter of the 24th July last, to which it is regretted that it has not been found possible to send an earlier reply, I am directed to inform you that the question of providing telephone facilities at Forth Post Office has been carefully considered, but it is regretted that the circumstances are not such as to warrant the Department in establishing an Exchange or a Call Office there at the present time.

"I regret, therefore, that your wishes in the matter cannot be met.

"I am, &c.,

"(Signed) E. P. W. REDFORD,
"*Secretary.*"

By-laws as to Places of Public Refreshment.—Communication from Secretary for Scotland.

With reference to the By-laws made by the County Council with respect to Places of Public Refreshment, the Clerk submitted the letter which he had received from the Under Secretary for Scotland, of date 3rd December, which he had submitted to the meeting of the County Council on 11th December. The letter was in the following terms, viz :—

"Scottish Office, Whitehall, S.W.,
"3rd December, 1912.

"SIR,

"With reference to the Bye-laws for the regulation of registered Places for Public Refreshment framed by the County Council of Lanarkshire, I am directed by the Secretary for Scotland to transmit herewith (in original for return) Notes of Objections

to Bye-law No. 1 which have been lodged respectively by Mr. Agostina Coia and other traders in the Bellshill District, and by Messrs. Hay, Cassels and Frame on behalf of the Pastry Bakers' Association, Larkhall, and to request that you will furnish him with your observations thereon. As regards the other Bye-laws, Mr. M'Kinnon Wood takes this opportunity of suggesting the following drafting amendment which he thinks might be made with advantage, viz :—

"*By-laws Nos. 2 and 3.*—The words "registered premises" to be substituted for the words "place for public refreshment" in order to make it clear that the Byelaws only apply to such places for public refreshment as require to be registered.

"I am, Sir,

"Your obedient Servant,

"(Signed) JAMES M. DODDS."

By-laws adhered to.

The Clerk having informed the meeting of the purport of the letters from Agostina Coia and other traders in Bellshill, and also from the Pastry Bakers' Association at Larkhall, and the meeting having considered the same, instructed the Clerk to make reply to the Secretary for Scotland informing him that the County Council could not see their way to modify the By-laws as indicated in either case.

The meeting agreed to give effect to the drafting amendments suggested in the last paragraph of the letter from the Under-Secretary for Scotland.

Monthly reports by inspectors.

The Clerk submitted reports (Appendices II. and III.) of the work done by the inspectors appointed under the Shops Act for the months of October and November, copies of which had been sent to each member of the committee.

Band By-laws.—Alleged contravention.

There was submitted to the meeting police information against the members of the Newmains Primrose Flute Band in respect of their having contravened the By-laws made by the County Council regulating the assembling or procession of bands, &c.

The meeting having considered the information, agreed that it would be unnecessary in this case to institute proceedings, and instructed the Clerk accordingly.

By-laws to be published.

With a view to giving further publicity to the By-laws, the Clerk was authorised to have them advertised in the newspapers and also by way of placards posted throughout the county.

Cinematograph Act, 1909.—Licences granted.—Blantyre and Shotts Picture Houses.

The Clerk reported that the following theatres having been erected in accordance with the plans passed by the Committee on 29th May and 25th September respectively, and having been reported as satisfactory by the Engineer, he (the Clerk) had granted a licence for one year in each case, viz. :—

(1) Blantyre Picture House—(Licensee. Mr. Edward Henry Bostock, Glasgow.)

(2) Shotts Picture House—(Licensee, Mr. William M. Murray, Manager of the Shotts Picture House, Limited.)

The meeting approved.

Renewal of licence, John Ellis, Shotts.

The Clerk reported that, having obtained a satisfactory report from the police, he had renewed the licence of Mr. John Ellis for the Public Hall, Shotts, for one year to 12th November, 1913, of which the meeting approved.

Applications for renewal of licences.

The following applications for renewal of licences were submitted, together with reports by the police in each case, viz. :—

Licensee.	Premises.	Date of expiry of Licence. 1912.
Thomas Forsyth, Coalburn,	Victoria Hall, Coalburn,	30th November.
R. V. Singleton, Glasgow	Livingstone Hall, Blantyre,	9th December.
Percy E. Randel, Glasgow	Public Hall Larkhall,	15th ,,
Thomas Ormiston, Motherwell,	Bellshill Electric Theatre,	18th ,,
Henry Hanlon, Cambuslang,	Old School, Newmains,	20th ,,
Alexander Scott, Motherwell,	Shepherds' Hall, Craigneuk,	20th ,,
James George, Rutherglen,	Co-operative Hall, Cambuslang,	31st ,,

The meeting considered the Police Reports satisfactory, and agreed to renew the licence in each of the above cases for one year.

Transfer and renewal of licence.—Muirhead Picture House.

An application was submitted from Mr. C. G. Mulholland, Oakbank, Muirhead, for transfer and renewal of the licence presently held by Mr. Andrew Baillie in respect of the Muirhead Picture House, together with a letter from Mr. Baillie agreeing to the proposed transfer, and a report from the police that they had no objections.

The meeting agreed to transfer the licence to Mr. Mulholland, and renew it for one year to 12th December, 1913.

Transfer and renewal of licence.—Victoria Theatre, Uddingston.

The Clerk submitted letters from Mr. David Cook, Writer, Glasgow, enclosing petition by Mr. Richard Williamson, Callander, Chairman of the Scottish Cinematograph Company, Limited, Glasgow, for transfer of the licence presently held by Mr. James M'Bride, Uddingston, in respect of the Victoria Theatre, Uddingston. A letter from Mr. M'Bride agreeing to the proposed transfer was read, together with a report by the police.

The meeting agreed to transfer the licence to Mr. Williamson, and to renew it for one year from its expiry on 15th January, 1913, provided the following alterations were carried out, viz. :—

(1) Certain alterations in the operating box, the nature of which the Engineer fully explained to the person in charge on the date of his visit.

(2) Two of the exits to be marked in terms of Article 3 of the licence.

(3) Lights to be placed outside two of the emergency exits.

Application for license.—St. John's Hall, Baillieston.

The Clerk submitted a letter from Mr. William Wilson, Glasgow, making application for a license for the St. John's Hall, Baillieston, and reported that a formal application had been sent to Mr. Wilson, but that it had not been returned completed. A report by the Engineer was also read.

The meeting, after consideration, did not consider the hall in its present condition a suitable place for cinematograph entertainments, and agreed that before they could grant a license, the following alterations would require to be made, viz. :—

(1) Both doors which at present open inwards to be altered so as to open outwards, and

(2) The enclosure to be placed outside the hall.

Applications for licences.—Masonic Hall, New Stevenston.—Hall at Stepps Road.

The following applications for licenses were also submitted, together with a report on the halls by the Engineer, viz. :—

(1) Robert and James Darroch, Airdrie, for the Masonic Hall, New Stevenston; and

(2) John M'Phun, Glasgow, for hall at Stepps Road.

The meeting, after consideration, were of opinion that both the halls were unsuitable for cinematograph entertainments.

Plans of proposed new Picture house at Baillieston.

There was submitted a letter from Mr. Thomas Martin, Architect, Coatbridge, enclosing a set of plans for a proposed new Picture House at Bailleston.

The meeting having considered the plans and the report thereon by the Engineer, instructed the Clerk to inform Mr. Martin that a licence would be issued on the completion of the premises in accordance with the plans and on a satisfactory report being received from the Engineer.

Entertainments in Quarter Reading-Room.

The Clerk reported that he had received intimation from Mr. Thomas J. Forfar, Secretary of the Hamilton Picture House, Limited, of entertainments to be given in the Reading Room, Quarter, on 6th and 7th December, in aid of the Quarter Nursing Association, and that, having obtained a report from the Police from which it appeared that the Hall was suitable. except that the doors open inwards, he had granted permission on the usual conditions applicable to such a case. The meeting approved.

Proposed Entertainment in Greengairs Parish Church.

There was submitted to the meeting an intimation from Mr. James Chapman, Greengairs, of a cinematograph exhibition proposed to be given to the children attending the Sabbath School, in Greengairs Parish Church on 24th December. A report by the Police regarding the hall was also read.

The meeting, after careful consideration, were of opinion that the Church in its present condition was not a suitable place for such entertainments, and agreed that, if an exhibition, under the Cinematograph Act was to be given, all the doors must be altered so as to open outwards.

General condition for occasional entertainments.

The meeting further agreed that, in future, in addition to the usual conditions applicable to occasional entertainments, the doors must open outwards.

Intimation of entertainment from Mr. W. Wilmot.

The Clerk reported that he had received intimation from Mr. W. Wilmot of an entertainment in his movable structure at Cleland on 29th October, 1912, and that Mr. Wilmot had again been reminded of the condition applicable within this County that no exhibitions be given in the premises on Sundays, and that the police had been instructed to see that this condition was strictly observed.

Boy Scouts' Hall at Burnside.—Report by Chairman

The Chairman reported that, in terms of the remit to them at the last meeting of the committee, he and Mr. Macdonald had, along with the Engineer, inspected the Boy Scouts' Hall at Burnside, when they recommended that the following alterations should be carried out, viz. :—

(1) A door to be made in the operator's box leading to the roof.

(2) A ventilator to be constructed in the box.

(3) The hand-rail of the stair to be strengthened.

(4) A trap-door in the vestibule to be strengthened.

The Clerk reported that he had been in communication by telephone with Mr. Walker, the applicant for the licence for this hall, who had informed him that there was no immediate prospect of the hall being required for cinematograph entertainments but that all the alterations recommended would be carried out, before any cinematograph entertainment was given.

Contraventions of Cinematograph Act and Regulations.

There were laid before the meeting police informations against the following persons for contraventions of the Cinematograph Act and Regulations made thereunder, viz. :—

(1) Thomas and John Ellis (Co-operative Hall, Cleland) in respect of failure (1) to provide a damp blanket for use in case of fire, and (2) to keep the films not in use in closed metal boxes.

(2) Michael Burns, John Provan, and William Wallace (Coronation Hall, Harthill), in respect of failure to provide fire appliances.

The meeting, after discussion, agreed to prosecute in each case.

APPENDIX I.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE *RE* SHOPS ACT, 1912.

13th November, 1912. At GLASGOW, and within the County Building, there, upon Wednesday, 13th November, 1912, being a meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council of Lanark, appointed with reference to the Shops Act, 1912.

Present—

Colonel BUCHANAN. | WILLIAM NEILSON.

There were also attending—

THOMAS ARNOT. | JAMES TONNER,

members of the General Purposes Committee.

Chairman. Colonel Buchanan, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the sub-committee, of date 23rd October, were laid before the meeting and signed.

Cambuslang Closing Order. The Clerk submitted to the meeting Draft Notice of intention to make a Closing Order (Appendix) for certain classes of shops within the Parish of Cambuslang, and the meeting, having approved of same, instructed him to give the necessary publication thereof.

Proposed Closing Order for Baillieston. —Steps to be taken. The meeting having also further considered the representation made on behalf of the Baillieston Merchants' Association for a Closing Order, instructed the Clerk to prepare a Notice of intention to make an Order to be applicable within the Baillieston Lighting District, giving effect to the wishes of that Association, and to make the necessary publication thereof.

Weekly Half-Holiday Order for Lower Ward District. The meeting, after consideration, agreeed to recommend to the General Purposes Committee that steps be taken with a view to making a Weekly Half-Holiday Order applicable to the Lower Ward District of the County, fixing Tuesday as the half-holiday.

Letter from Mr. John English, Chapelhall, seeking exemption from Weekly Half-Holiday Order.

The Clerk submitted a letter from Mr. John English, barber and hairdresser, Main Street, Chapelhall, of date 12th current, requesting exemption from the provisions of the Weekly Half-Holiday Order, and stating the circumstances of his case.

Request refused.

The meeting, while appreciating the reasons stated by the applicant, regretted their inability to accede to his request.

Further representation by shopkeepers in Carnbroe and Brewsterford District regarding day of weekly half-holiday.

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting, the Clerk submitted the following communication, signed by shopkeepers in the Carnbroe and Brewsterford District :—

"Carnbroe,
"4th November, 1912.

"DEAR SIR,

"SHOPS ACT, 1912.

"Your communication of 26th October duly received, in which you state that, after careful consideration, the Committee o the County Council had fixed on Wednesday as the weekly half-holiday for Carnbroe and Brewsterford district.

"Surely they have not wisely considered the fact that the pay-day in both places is on a Wednesday, and has been for the last twenty years, and if we are compelled to close on Wednesday afternoon it will be a ruinous arrangement for us shopkeepers. If we cannot get a settlement with our customers on pay-day the probability is that their money will be squandered elsewhere to the serious loss and ultimate ruin of ourselves. It is the exceptional pay-day that urges us again to appeal to the committee for a Tuesday half-holiday, otherwise we would have agreed to their recommendation at once.

"Humbly praying that our appeal may be favourably entertained.

"We are,

"Yours truly,

"ROBERT WATSON, P.O., Carnbroe.	J. WARREN, Newsagent.
"THOS. CROSS, Grocer, ,,	B. S. SIMONEIT.
"ANDREW CAMPBELL, Store ,,	PETER CONNOR."

Thereafter representatives of the shopkeepers were introduced, along with Mr. J. Dunn Russell, Solicitor, Airdrie, who made a statement to the Committee on their behalf, in support of the prayer of the petition.

Sub-Committee's previous decision rescinded.

The meeting, after consideration, and in view the exceptional circumstances of the case, agreed to recommend the General Purposes Committee to make a Special Order fixing Tuesday as the day of the weekly half-holiday within the particular district referred to.

APPENDIX.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

SHOPS ACT, 1912

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A CLOSING ORDER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council of the County of Lanark propose to make a Closing Order for the several classes of shops aftermentioned within the Parish of Cambuslang fixing the the hours at which such shops shall be closed, as follow :—

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 8 o'clock p.m.; and on Saturday at 10 o'clock p.m., as regards the trades of—

1. Baker.
2. Bookseller and Stationer.
3. Boot and Shoe Maker and Merchant.
4. Draper and Clothier (including Hatter and Hosier).
5. Grocer and Provision Merchant.
6. Hardware Merchant (including Ironmonger).
7. General Dealer (including Pawnbrokers' Salerooms).

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 7 o'clock p.m.; on Friday, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.; and on Saturday at 10 o'clock p.m., as regards the trade of—

BUTCHER.

The fixing of the hours aforesaid, in addition to being subject to the provisions and exceptions specifically contained in the said Act, shall be subject to the following exceptions, viz. :—

The hour of closing shall be 10 o'clock p.m.—

1. On the evening of the day preceeding any public holiday, or any day that may be fixed by the Local Merchants' Association as a holiday;
2. On the evening of each day of the week ending Glasgow Fair Saturday; and
3. On the evening of each lawful day of the last fortnight of each year.

The provisions of the Order will be without prejudice to the provisions of the Weekly Half-Holiday Order presently in operation in the Middle Ward District of the County.

Any person wishing to make objections to the Order, or suggestions as to the provisions of the Order, should address a statement, in writing to me at the County Offices, Hamilton, before 17th December, 1912.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the occupier of any shop to be affected by the Order may, on presenting himself at the County Offices, Hamilton, or at the Police Station, Cambuslang, or at the Police Station, Hallside, on any day before the aforesaid date, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 12 o'clock noon, on Saturdays, and between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on the other lawful days of the week, verify that his name, address, and trade are duly entered in the Register of Shops.

Dated this Fourteenth day of November, 1912.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

APPENDIX II.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

SHOPS ACT 1912.

REPORT OF WORK DONE BY THE INSPECTORS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1912.

During the month inspections were made in 31 localities and 647 shops were visited.

These shops, classified according to trade, were as follows :—

Bakers,	23	Ironmongers,	10
Boot and Shoemakers,	29	Jewellers,	5
Butchers,	44	Milliners,	2
Cabinetmakers,	3	Newsagents and Tobacconists,	11
Chemists,	9	Painters,	13
China merchant,	1	Pawnbrokers,	3
Coal merchant,	1	Plumbers and Gasfitters,	4
Confectioners,	22	Restaurateurs,	2
Cycle agents,	4	Saddlers,	2
Dairykeepers,	13	Sewing Machine agents,	2
Drapers,	56	Stationers and Tobacconists,	5
Fishmongers,	3	Stationer and Newsagent,	1
Fruiterers,	11	Tailors and Clothiers,	14
Grocers,	118	Tea room,	1
Hairdressers,	3	Tobacconist,	1
Hairdressers and Tobacconists,	17	Wine and Spirit merchants,	71
Hardware merchants,	6	Mixed shops,	135
Hosiers and Hatters,	2		

During these visits 315 contraventions were detected (see Table appended).

The work of the inspectors has still been confined to informing shopkeepers as to the requirements of the Act, and cautioning defaulters.

In order to promote uniformity and to assist shopkeepers who had a difficulty in procuring the statutory notices, the County Clerk has had a supply of these printed and during the month has issued 336 to the defaulters reported to him by the inspectors.

In the course of their visits, the inspectors found shopkeepers in several localities who did not close their shops for a weekly half holiday, being under the impression that it was not compulsory until a Half-holiday Order was in force. They were advised, however, as to the provisions of the Act with respect to closing.

One locality was visited on a weekly half-holiday, when it was found that the provisions of the Act were being complied with, the only shops open being small mixed shops. Eleven of these were tested by the inspector asking to be supplied with an article which should not be sold, and in three instances the goods were refused, while in the other eight the goods were supplied. The purchases, however, were not completed, but the defaulters were verbally cautioned.

Two communications from shopkeepers, received from the County Clerk, were attended to.

TABLE SHOWING INSPECTIONS TO LOCALITIES, VISITS TO SHOPS, AND CONTRAVENTIONS DETECTED.

LOCALITIES.	Inspections.	Visits to Shops.	CONTRAVENTIONS.					
			Failure to close for Half-day Weekly.	Failure to give Assistants Weeekly Half-holiday.	Failure to give proper intervals for Meals.	Failure to provide Seats for Female Assistants.	Employing Young Persons under 18 years more than 74 hours per week.	Failure to exhibit Statutory Notices.
Auchengray,	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Auchenheath,	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bellshill,	1	77	...	...	...	4	...	36
Bishopbriggs, Auchenairn, Lambhill,	3	50	1	...	..	...	...	30
Braidwood,	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carmyle, Mount Vernon, Broomhouse,	3	15	2	1	...	...	...	6
Chryston, Muirhead, Stepps, Millerston,	4	43	...	...	1	...	...	25
Coalburn,	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	5
Crossford,	1	13	...	...	...	...	...	5
Flemington, Halfway,	2	42	...	...	1	1	...	6
Hamilton Palace Rows, North Motherwell,	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazelbank,	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kirkfieldbank,	1	19	...	...	...	...	...	9
Larkhall,	2	175	...	...	2	4	...	74
Law,	1	11	...	...	...	...	...	4
Lesmahagow,	3	51	...	...	...	...	...	26
Netherburn,	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
New Lanark,	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Quarter Road,	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	2
Tannochside,	1	13	...	...	...	...	...	3
Tarbrax,	1	11	...	...	...	...	...	8
Uddingston,	2	98	...	...	1	...	...	53
	35	647	3	1	5	9	...	297

County Offices,
Hamilton, 19*th November*, 1912.

J. T. W.

APPENDIX III.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

SHOPS ACT 1912.

REPORT OF WORK DONE BY THE INSPECTORS DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1912.

During the month inspections were made in 6 localities, and 159 shops were visited (see Table appended) These shops, classified according to trades, were as follows :—

Bakers,	4	Jewellers,	5
Boot and Shoemakers,	8	Newsagents and Confectioners,	2
Butchers,	10	Newsagents and Tobacconists,	2
Chemists,	2	Painter,	1
Dairykeepers,	3	Pawnbroker,	1
Drapers,	16	Plumber,	1
Fishmongers,	2	Restaurateur,	1
Fruiterer,	1	Stationer and Bookseller.	1
Grocers,	34	Tailors,	3
Hairdressers,	6	Wine and Spirit Merchants,	18
Hardware Merchants,	3	Mixed shops,	29
Ironmongers,	6		

During these visits 65 contraventions were detected, and related chiefly to failure in exhibiting statutory notices, which the shopkeepers did not know how to procure. The County Clerk has had a supply of these printed, and during the month has issued 47 to the defaulters reported to him by the inspectors.

In the course of their visits, the inspectors found four shopkeepers, viz., 1 shoemaker, 1 ironmonger, and 2 grocers who did not close their shop for a weekly half-holiday. The provisions of the Act as to closing were pointed out to them and they were warned to close in future. One of the grocers was the keeper of a common lodging-house who keeps a provision shop in connection therewith. The shop has a window to the outside displaying grocery goods and the entrance to it is by the main door to the lodging-house. Outside customers are also supplied. On being interviewed, the lodging-house keeper said he would stop the outside trade on the Wednesday half-holiday, but that he refused to close his shop for the supply of goods to lodgers, as he contended that that trade was outwith the scope of the Act. It was, he said, more of a hotel business than an ordinary shopkeeper's.

Three localities were visited on a weekly half-holiday when it was found that the provisions of the Act were being complied with, the only shops open being small mixed shops. Six of these were tested by the inspector asking to be supplied with an article which should not be sold, and in every instance the goods were refused.

TABLE SHOWING INSPECTIONS TO LOCALITIES, VISITS TO SHOPS, AND CONTRAVENTIONS DETECTED.

LOCALITIES.	Inspections.	Visits to Shops.	CONTRAVENTIONS.					
			Failure to close for Half-day Weekly.	Failure to give Assistants Weekly Half-Holiday.	Failure to give prooper intervals for Meals.	Failure to provide Seats for Female Assistants.	Employing Young Persons under 18 years more than 74 hours per week.	Failure to exhibit Statutory Notices.
Caldercruix, - - - - - - -	1	9	...	...	...	...	...	5
Holytown, - - - - - - -	1	22	...	...	...	...	..	6
Plains, - - - - - - - -	1	13	1	...	..	...	...	2
New Stevenston, - - - - - -	1	7	...	...	...	...	..	5
Shotts, - - - - - - - -	1	51	3	...	..	1	..	22
Stonehouse, - - - - - - -	1	57	...	...	...	...	...	20
	6	159	4	...	...	1	...	60

J. T. W.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 11*th December*, 1912.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 22nd January, 1913, being a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 22nd January, 1912.

Present—

Colonel Buchanan.	Colonel Logan.
William Davie.	William Neilson.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.	William Speirs.
Alexander Hamilton.	Colonel King Stewart.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.	William Sym.

Colonel Buchanan, Chairman of the Committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, of date 18th December, 1912, which had been printed, and a copy sent to each member of the Committee, having been submitted and read, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

With regard to the proposed Closing Order for the Parish of Cambuslang, under the Shops Act, 1912, the Clerk reported that a vote of the occupiers of the various shops proposed to be affected by the Order had been taken, and he submitted the voting papers which had been returned to him, and indicated generally the result of the vote. *Proposed Closing Order for Cambuslang Parish.—Result of vote.*

The meeting delayed coming to a final determination in the matter, and meantime instructed the Clerk to have the voting papers carefully scrutinised and compared with the Register and the numbers of the votes for and against the Order to be ascertained. *Consideration delayed.*

As relative to the proposed Closing Order for Cambuslang Parish, the Clerk submitted a letter from Messrs. John Gray and John Greig, of date 21st current, objecting to the proposed Order on the grounds— *Objections to proposed Order.*

(1) That in the case of a number of mixed shops in which groceries are sold, the Order would inflict a great hardship;

(2) That many of the parties who would be most seriously affected were widows and aged persons, who had no other means of earning their livelihood; and

(3) That when the Register was in course of being prepared certain shopkeepers designed themselves as dairykeepers, confectioners, fruiterers, &c., under a misapprehension.

The meeting were of opinion that the objections stated could not now be entertained. *Committee's decision.*

With regard to the proposed Closing Order for Baillieston, the Clerk reported that notice of intention to make this Order had been given, and that the month within which objections to the Order might be received, and in which any omissions or errors in the Register might be rectified expired on the 20th current, the only objections received being from— *Proposed Closing Order for Baillieston.*

(1) Wotherspoon Brothers, booksellers and stationers, objecting to that class of shop being included within the scope of the Order, and *Objections received*

(2) Robert Lauchlan, baker, objecting to bakers being included within the Order.

The meeting having considered the objections, did not see their way to give effect to them, and instructed the Clerk to take the necessary steps with a view to a vote being taken of the occupiers of the shops to be affected by the proposed Order. *Order to be proceeded with.*

The Clerk having submitted a letter from the Secretary of the Carluke Merchants' Association, of date 8th January, stating that his Association desired that an Order should be made by the County Council giving effect to the recent vote which had been taken in regard to a weekly half-holiday, the meeting instructed the Clerk to prepare an Order. *Proposed weekly half-holiday Order for Parish of Carluke.—Letter from Secretary of Merchants' Association.*

Ice Cream Shops, &c.—Letter from Secretary of Bellshill and Mossend Church Council.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter which he had received from the Rev. John Steele, Secretary of the Bellshill and Mossend Church Council, which was in the following terms, viz. :—

"Macdonald Memorial Manse,
"Bellshill, January 15th, 1913.

"DEAR SIR,

"BELLSHILL AND MOSSEND CHURCH COUNCIL.

"Our Church Council have had in consideration the recent Act dealing with the closing hours of Ice Cream Shops and Billiard Saloons. We are grateful for the measure of improvement indicated in the Act, but feel that more should still be done with regard to Sunday opening, and with regard to the Billiard Saloons. Can you inform us what steps we should take in order to get that something more carried into effect? Whom should we approach, and when can it be done?

"We are aware you must have many enquiries about this matter, but we are emboldened to approach you after your kindness to our deputation about a year ago.

"Thanking you in anticipation. believe me,

"Yours, &c.,

(Sgd.) "JOHN STEELE,
"*Secretary.*"

Deputation of Church Council to be received.

The Clerk having stated the purport of the reply which he had made to the above communication, the meeting agreed that, should the Church Council desire to be heard by deputation in regard to the matter referred to, the request should be acceded.

Carnbroe (Exemption from Weekly Half-holiday) Order.

In accordance with the resolution of the committee to exempt the occupiers of shops in the Carnbroe District from the operation of the Middle Ward (Weekly Half-Holiday) Order, the committee agreed to make, and hereby make, an Order, in the terms of the Order which forms an appendix to this minute.

Cinematograph Act, 1909. Licence for Pavilion Theatre, Mossend.

The Clerk reported that intimation having been received from Mr. James M'Burnie, Solicitor, Bellshill, Agent for the Mossend Theatre Company, that the Pavilion Theatre, Mossend, had been erected in accordance with the plans passed by the Committee on 25th September, an inspection of the Theatre was made by the Engineer, and his report being satisfactory, a licence for one year was granted on 23rd December.

Intimation of entertainments.

The Clerk reported that in connection with a series of Life Saving Lectures given by Mr. Blyth under the auspices of the Lanarkshire Miners' Union, he had received intimation that it was proposed to exhibit the film entitled "The Black Wall" at the following halls, viz. :—

(1) Newton Public School, on 6th January, 1913;
(2) Eastfield Public School, Harthill, about the middle of January;
(3) Victoria Hall, Coalburn, on 14th January, 1913;
(4) Dalziel Hall, Ponfeigh, on 15th January, 1913;
(5) Public Hall, Shotts, on 20th January, 1913;

and stated that in the cases of Nos. 1, 2, and 4 he had given permission on the usual conditions applicable to occasional entertainments and on the additional conditions that all the doors which opened inwards should be removed, and that only adults be admitted on the occasions referred to. With reference to the exhibitions in the Victoria Hall, Coalburn, and the Public Hall, Shotts, he stated that as these halls were already licensed by the committee, permission was given, on condition that the terms of the licence were observed in each case.

Exhibitions at Law and Baillieston.

The Clerk submitted a letter from Mr. George Kay, of the Hamilton Picture House, Limited, stating that it was proposed to give exhibitions similar to the ones above mentioned, in the Hall at Law on 30th current, and in the Rhinsdale U.F. Church Hall, Baillieston, on 31st January.

After consideration of the Police Reports submitted, the meeting agreed to grant permission, on the usual conditions, in the case of the Rhinsdale U.F. Church Hall, but as regards the hall at Law, they were of opinion that it was not a suitable place for ordinary cinematograph exhibitions, but remitted to the Clerk to arrange with the Miners' Union for the observance, in this case, of such conditions or precautions as might be deemed necessary.

Application for licence for public hall, Stonehouse.

The Clerk submitted application by Mr. Robert Bruce, hall keeper, Stonehouse, for a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Public Hall, Stonehouse, together with a report by the Police, stating that entertainments had been given in this hall since 30th November last, by Messrs. Sarah Johnson & Sons, travelling showmen, without a licence, the hall keeper having informed them that the hall was already licensed, he being under the impression that the licence granted by the Justices of Peace for stage plays covered cinematograph exhibitions.

The meeting, having considered the report by the Engineer regarding the hall, were of opinion that its construction generally was not suited for cinematograph exhibitions, and instructed the Clerk to inform Mr. Bruce that no licence would be granted until the following alterations were carried out, viz. :—

(1) A permanent enclosure for the cinematograph apparatus to be erected in the gallery, or in some position satisfactory to the committee;
(2) An additional exit to be constructed at the side of the hall; and
(3) The outer doors to be altered so as to open outwards.

Results of prosecutions.

With reference to the contraventions of the Cinematograph Act reported to last meeting of the committee, the Clerk stated that Michael Burns had pled guilty, before the Justices of the Peace at Airdrie, and had been fined £3 3s., and that Thomas and John Ellis had pled guilty before the Sheriff at Hamilton, and had been admonished.

APPENDIX.

CARNBROE ORDER.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

SHOPS ACT, 1912.

ORDER exempting Occupiers of Shops within the Carnbroe Polling District in the Parish of Bothwell from the provisions of the Middle Ward Weekly Half-holiday Order.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the occupiers of shops within that part of the Parish of Bothwell known as the Carnbroe Polling District shall be exempt from the provisions of the Middle Ward Weekly Half-holiday Order.

Signed for and on behalf of the County Council of Lanark, at Hamilton, this 22nd day of January, 1913.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

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(1) The following is a description of the Carnbroe Polling District:—

That part of the Parish of Bothwell within the following boundaries, viz.:— Commencing at the point in the North Calder Water where the water passes the northern portion of the march fence between the Estates of Carnbroe and Woodhall, then continuing in a southerly and western direction along the said march fence, until it is intersected by the Caledonian Railway, then northwards along said railway until it reaches the North Calder Water, then eastward along said water to the point first mentioned.

(2) Notwithstanding this Order, all shops to which the provisions of the Shops Act, 1912, relating to a weekly half-holiday apply, are required to be closed for the serving of customers not later than one o'clock in the afternoon of one week day in every week.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 8th January, 1913, being a Meeting of the Public Health Committee of the County Council of Lanark. — 8th January, 1913.

Present—

John Adam.
J. Raeside Auld.
J. P. Baird.
Colonel Buchanan.
James Cameron.
Thomas G. Cowan.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Alexander Hamilton.
John Jackson.
Robert Lambie.
William Neilson.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
William Love.
David K. Michie.
James Prentice.
Gavin A. Shanks.
Robert Sharp.
William Speirs.
James Tonner.

Attending—

Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

Mr. Lambie, chairman of the committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 27th November last, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

There were submitted to the meeting reports by the County Medical Officer under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts and the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts for the months of October and November, prints of which had been sent to each member of the committee. — *Monthly reports by County Medical Officer.*

The Clerk reported with reference to the action against the Town Council of Coatbridge under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts that a deputation of the Town Council, consisting of Provost Davie, Treasurer Neilson, Bailies Kirk and Thomas Smith, along with the Town-Clerk, had had an interview with the chairman of the committee and himself on 16th ultimo, when certain suggestions were made by the Burgh representatives with a view to an amicable understanding being come to. It was explained to the deputation that the Chairman and the Clerk had no authority or power to treat with them in the matter, but that, as previously indicated, the — *Rivers Pollution Prevention.—Burgh of Coatbridge.—Report by Clerk.*

committee had no objection to the Town Council of Coatbridge approaching Mr. Carter with a view to the adoption of a scheme which the Town Council had had submitted to them by a firm of engineers, provided that Mr. Carter was satisfied with it and that the work was carried out under the supervision of the Court; and, further, that the committee would offer no objection to the actual carrying out of the work being entrusted to the firm of engineers employed by them, so long as the work was executed under Mr. Carter's supervision, and that Mr. Carter would submit to the Court periodically reports as to the progress of the scheme until its completion. It was agreed that the Clerk should make a communication to Mr. Carter to this effect.

Approval of action by Chairman and Clerk.

The Clerk stated that a communication had, as agreed, been addressed to Mr. Carter on the subject, and he submitted and read a copy of it. The meeting approved of the action of the Chairman and the Clerk.

Rivers Pollution.—Burgh of Motherwell Drainage Works.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting notice which he had received from the Town Council of Motherwell of their intention to carry out certain drainage works situated outwith the Burgh, involving the construction of a new sewer in place of one which had been rendered defective owing to mineral workings.

As relative thereto, there was submitted a communication from the County Medical Officer, of date 4th January, stating that, so far as the County was concerned, no objection could be taken to the proposed works.

Notes by County Medical Officer.

There were also laid before the meeting Notes prepared by the County Medical Officer relating to the question of the Sewage Purification Works for the Burgh of Motherwell, which had not yet been fully provided in terms of the Order granted by the Court in 1903. The meeting, after consideration, agreed that steps be taken to see that the Order of the Court was implemented, and the Clerk was instructed to make a representation to the Court, or to communicate with Mr. Carter, with a view to there being submitted to the Court from time to time reports showing the progress of the works until their completion.

Letter from factor for Lord Belhaven and Stenton.

Under reference to the minutes of the last meeting, the Clerk submitted a letter, of date 27th November last, which he had received from Mr. Matthew G. Burt, Factor for the Lord Belhaven and Stenton, stating that he was glad to hear that measures were being taken by the County Council to prevent the pollution of the South Calder, and expressing the hope that these would have the desired effect.

Pollution of Auchter Water by spent ammoniacal liquor.

The Clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Coltness Iron Company, Limited, with regard to the pollution of the Auchter Water by spent ammoniacal liquor from their works, and he submitted a reply which he had received from the Company, of date 3rd December last, stating that the matter would have their attention.

Pollution of River Almond and Breich Water.—Letter from Clerk to Bathgate District Committee.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter which he had received from the Clerk to the Bathgate District Committee, of date 12th December last, complaining of the pollution of the River Almond and the Breich Water from sources within the County.

Knowton and Blairmuckhole Collieries.

As relative to this complaint, the Clerk submitted Notes which he had received from the County Medical Officer of inspections which had been made, from which it appeared that the stream in question was polluted by the system of coal dross washing operations at Knowton and Blairmuckhole Collieries.

The Clerk was accordingly instructed to communicate with the owners of these collieries, and to inform the Clerk to the Bathgate District Committee of the action taken by this committee.

Eighth Report of Royal Commission on Sewage Disposal.—Notes thereon by County Medical Officer.

There was laid before the meeting the Eighth Report of the Royal Commission on Sewage Disposal, together with Notes prepared by the County Medical Officer thereon, and the Clerk stated that he had sent a copy of the report, together with a copy of the Notes referred to, to each member of the committee. A copy of the Notes forms an appendix to this minute.

The committee, after consideration, and while approving generally of the views of the County Medical Officer as stated in his Notes, agreed to continue consideration of the matter pending a report by him giving the result of the further investigations which were in course of being carried out.

By-laws for regulating the building or re-building of houses.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the By-laws for Regulating the Building or Re-building of Houses or Buildings in the District Committee of the Middle Ward, which had been remitted to this Committee by the County Council, with powers. The meeting agreed to remit these By-laws to the following sub-committee, with power, to consider and, if so resolved, to approve of the By-laws with such modification thereon as they may deem advisable. viz.:—

J. Raeside Auld.	George Fraser.
James H. Fenton.	Robert Lambie.

Mr. Lambie to be chairman of the sub-committee, and two a quorum.

Royal Sanitary Institute.—Congress at Exeter.

The Clerk submitted a communication from the Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute, of date 26th November last, inviting the appointment of representatives to attend the Congress of the Institute to be held at Exeter on 7th to 12th July next. The meeting, after discussion, appointed the following representatives to attend the Congress, viz.:—The Chairman, James H. Fenton, and Gavin A. Shanks, along with the County Clerk and County Medical Officer.

APPENDIX.

RIVERS POLLUTION PREVENTION.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

NOTES BY COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER ON EIGHTH REPORT (1912).

In this report the Commission deal with the question of the standards to be applied to sewage and sewage effluents discharging into rivers and streams, and as the conclusions set forth are of considerable interest to Local Authorities responsible for the prevention of sewage pollution, they are here submitted for the information of the Public Health Committee. By way of explanation of these conclusions, it has to be pointed out that they are based on the fact that when river water does not normally take up more than 0·4 parts per 100,000 of dissolved oxygen in 5 days the river will ordinarily be free from signs of pollution. This figure is termed the "limiting figure." If, however, a river normally gives a higher figure, it will almost certainly show signs of pollution, except perhaps in very cold weather.

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS.

(*a*) The law should be altered so as a person discharging sewage into a stream shall not be deemed to have committed an offence under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act, 1876, if the sewage matter is discharged in a form which satisfies the requirements of the prescribed standard.

(*b*) The standard should be either the general standard or a special standard which will be higher or lower than the general standard as local circumstances require or permit.

(*c*) An effluent in order to comply with the general standard must not contain as discharged more than 3 parts per 100,000 of suspended matter, and with its suspended matters included must not take up at 65° F. (18·3° C.) more than 2·0 parts per 100,000 of dissolved oxygen in 5 days. This general standard should be prescribed either by Statute or by Order of the Central Authority, and should be subject to modifications by that Authority after an interval of not less than ten years.

(*d*) In fixing any special standard the dilution afforded by the stream is the chief factor to be considered. If the dilution is very low it may be necessary for the Central Authority, either on their own initiative or on application by the Rivers Board, to prescribe a specially stringent standard, which should also remain in force for a period of not less than ten years.

(*e*) If the dilution is very great the standard may, with the approval of the Central Authority, be relaxed or suspended altogether. Our experience leads us to think that, as a general rule, if the dilution, while not falling below 150 volumes, does not exceed 300, the dissolved oxygen absorption test may be omitted, and the standard for suspended solids fixed at 6 parts per 100,000. To comply with this test no treatment beyond chemical precipitation would ordinarily be needed. If the dilution, while not falling below 300 volumes, does not exceed 500, the standard for suspended solids may be further relaxed to 15 parts per 100,000. For this purpose tank treatment without chemicals would generally suffice if the tanks were properly worked and regularly cleansed. These relaxed standards should be subject to revision at periods to be fixed by the Central Authority, and the periods should be shorter than those prescribed for the general or for the more stringent standards.

(*f*) With a dilution of over 500 volumes all tests might be dispensed with, and crude sewage discharged, subject to such conditions as to the provision of screens or detritus as might appear necessary to the Central Authority.

It may be stated that the Fifth Report of the Commissioners, issued in 1908, contained important conclusions and recommendations, particularly with regard to tanks and filters upon which engineers prepared data which formed a basis for purification schemes. In the Lower and Middle Wards of the County, as well as in the Burghs of Lanark, Hamilton, and Motherwell, there are 13 sewage works where tanks and filters have been provided at very considerable cost. Perhaps it has been felt that the expenditure was excessive, but in every instance the results show that the works are not in excess of that necessary to maintain the purity of the stream into which they discharge, according to the standards recommended by the Commission. At the same time it may now be found that some further improvement will be required at several works. On the other hand, there may be circumstances in which the conditions may be relaxed in connection with purification schemes still to be carried out in the County, so that the Local Authority concerned may not be required to purify the sewage more highly than is necessary to prevent the risk of actual nuisance from the discharge, in regard to smell, over development of grey algal growth, accumulation of putrefying sewage solids and detriment to fish life. Obviously this will depend upon the two factors laid down, namely, the character or quality of the stream receiving the discharge and the degree of dilution afforded by the stream. Under the Rivers Pollution Act, 1876, the discharge itself is *alone* to be considered, but in applying the standards the Commissioners state :— "*Since our main objective is primarily the improvement of rivers, and only secondary the improvement of effluents, standards should be applied not to sewage liquors or effluents alone, but to such discharges under ordinary conditions,* i.e., *when mixed with river water.*"

The chemical standards laid down have already been followed in this County, but in view of the important bearing of the matter in relation to existing works and to proposed works, arrangements have been made with the staff to take systematically, for a period of twelve months, series of samples from the streams above and below the point where discharges enter from sewage works. In addition, series of samples of the River Clyde will be taken. The results of analyses will be fully recorded, and will be available for the engineers of the districts and for future reference in the event of the establishment of Rivers Boards or Central Authority, as recommended by the Commission. In carrying out these tests it is necessary that the dry weather volume of the stream, velocity and depth, should be ascertained, together with the volume of sewage discharged. It will, therefore, be desirable that the District Engineers of the County supply this information which is indispensable in order to calculate the degree to which the particular sewage effluent is to be purified.

Pending legislation embodying the recommendations as to amending the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act, 1876, the establishment of a Central Authority, Rivers Board, or County Councils who would be empowered to administer the standards, it is for the consideration of the Committee whether they should in connection with the future administration of the Rivers Pollution Act accept the recommendations of the Royal Commission as a measure of purification to be desired according to the varying circumstances or local requirements.

In conclusion, it may be noted that this eighth report of the Royal Commission is by far the most important and comprehensive report yet issued. Their next and final report is intended to deal with methods of disposal not involving water carriage and with standards in regard to trade effluents.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 31st December, 1912.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 8th January, 1913, being a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Lanark. — 8th January, 1913.

Present—

William Barr.	Robert Lambie.
Colonel Buchanan.	Colonel Logan.
Thomas G. Cowan.	William Neilson.
William L. Dyer.	Alexander Pillans.
George Fraser.	William Speirs.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.	William Templeton.

Thomas Watt.

Mr. Neilson, chairman of the committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 4th December, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

Accounts and Requisitions, as per precept book, amounting in all to £44,068 1s. 4d., were laid before the meeting, and the same, having been examined, were passed for payment, the precept book being initialed by Messrs. Dyer and Templeton. — *Accounts and requisitions.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the following statement of loan indebtedness, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee, viz.:— — *Statement of loan indebtedness.*

Statement of Loan Indebtedness as at 4th January, 1913.

Loan indebtedness reported at last meeting, ...		£891,310	12 4
Loans taken since last meeting, ...	£141,953 0 0		
Loans repaid since last meeting, ...	76,101 11 6		
		65,851	8 6
		£957,162	0 10
Sums due to Bank on Capital Accounts, ...		10,685	3 4
		£967,847	4 2

The County Fund stands at £20,685 14s. 8d. to the credit, made up as follows:—

On Deposit Receipt, ...	£15,000 0 0	
On Account Current, ...	5,685 14 8	
		£20,685 14 8

As relative to the above statement, the Clerk submitted a certificate by the Royal Bank of Scotland of the amount on deposit receipt. — *Bank certificate.*

Statement of collection of rates.

The Clerk also submitted the following statement of the collection of rates, viz.:—

STATEMENT OF THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1912-13 AS AT 2ND JANUARY, 1913, AS COMPARED WITH 1911-12.

Percentage collected at same date last year.	Collection District.	Amount levied.	Amount collected.	Percentage.
31·47 ...	Airdrie,	£27,632 4 2	£10,052 1 10	... 36·38
43·72 ...	Biggar,	10,778 4 8	4,852 3 8	... 45·02
41·65 ...	Glasgow,	52,535 13 1	20,693 0 11	... 39·39
25·55 ...	Hamilton,	104,766 9 2	28,484 15 9	... 27·19
38·24 ...	Lanark,	18,796 2 5	7,787 0 3	... 41·42
38·12 ...	Strathaven,	10,595 12 6	4,093 6 4	... 38·63
33·68		£225,104 6 0	£75,962 8 9	33·74
26·05	Railways,	22,383 14 10	4,767 8 5	... 21·29
33·66		£247,488 0 10	£80,729 17 2	32·61

DETAILS OF AMOUNT COLLECTED.

Applicable to other districts.				
£3,596 13 6	James Russell, District Collector, Airdrie, ...		£9,617 19 0	
53 10 1	W. B. Pairman, District Collector, Biggar, ...		3,078 8 1	
8,883 0 11½	Thos. Tennent, District Collector, Glasgow, ...		27,591 17 4½	
1,338 19 6	W. D. Loudon, District Collector, Hamilton, ...		20,010 0 1	
—	County Clerk, Collection Districts,	£6,340 1 5½		
—	County Clerk, Railways, &c., ...	4,767 8 5		
			11,107 9 10½	
169 7 1	A. W. Paterson, District Collector, Lanark, ...		5,712 19 2	
143 4 3	Robt. M'Cowan, District Collector, Strathaven,		3,611 3 7	
			£80,729 17 2	

Collection of County Rates.—Reference to services rendered by Mr. M'Ghie.

The Clerk stated to the meeting that, while the modifications on the system of collection combined with the application of the provisions of the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act to collection of the County Rates had called for very great care in formulating a system that would meet the altered conditions and prove as little burdensome as possible to the owners and factors of property on whom a new liability under the Act in question was imposed, he believed that this had been successfully accomplished, and he desired to especially acknowledge his indebtedness to Mr. M'Ghie, his assistant, for his resource and assiduity in the matter. The meeting expressed their satisfaction with the manner in which the work had been carried out, and their cordial concurrence in the Clerk's reference to Mr. M'Ghie's services.

Local Collection of Rates at Leadhills.

The Clerk reported the circumstances under which he had, with the approval of the Chairman, held a Local Collection of Rates at Leadhills, and he added that the results had justified the steps which had been taken to meet the wishes of the ratepayers. The meeting approved.

Issue of Final Notice. Date of close of collection.

The Clerk submitted a proof copy of the Final Notice he proposed to issue, a copy of which had been sent to each member, and he asked instructions as to the date upon which the Summary Warrant should be extracted.

Motion by Mr. Fraser.

Mr. Fraser moved that the date be 15th February, which was seconded by Mr. Lambie.

Amendment by Mr. Dyer.

By way of amendment, Mr. Dyer moved that the date be 28th February, which was seconded by Colonel Logan.

Motion carried.

On the amendment and the motion being put to the meeting, and a vote having been taken by way of a show of hands, a majority voted in favour of Mr. Fraser's motion, which the Chairman accordingly declared carried.

Collection of arrears.

Supplementary to the foregoing resolution the Clerk was instructed to retain the Summary Warrant for the current year in his own hands, and to make arrangements for the recovery of the arrears of assessment being conducted under the supervision of himself and his staff, with power to him to employ whatever assistance he required, and otherwise to arrange for the collection of the arrears as he thought best in the interests of the Council.

Middle Ward Water requisitions.

There were laid before the meeting requisitions by the District Committee of the Middle Ward for sums required in connection with the Middle Ward Water Undertaking, viz :—

No. 159 (new) dated 30th November, 1912,	...	...	£2,270 19 0
No. 160 (new) dated 28th December, 1912,	...	...	2,760 14 1
No. 164 (old) dated 30th November, 1912,	...	...	597 16 4
No. 165 (old) dated 28th December, 1912,	...	...	579 11 7

Rutherglen joint sewers. — Adjustment with Corporation of Glasgow.

Under reference to the minutes of the Committee of date 7th June, 1911, the Clerk reported that the question of the amount to be deducted in respect of sinking fund and interest from the assessment payable to the Corporation of Glasgow under the Glasgow Corporation (Sewage, &c.,) Act, 1898, and the Glasgow Corporation (Police Order) Confirmation Act, 1903, in respect of Rutherglen joint sewers had, after prolonged negotiations, now been satisfactorily adjusted, the County Council's figures having been accepted by the Corporation.

Request by Town-Clerk of Rutherglen to raise joint loan.

As relative thereto, the Clerk explained that the Town-Clerk of Rutherglen had made a request that the County Council and Town Council should take advantage of Section 37 of the Act of 1898, which authorised them to borrow jointly a sum not exceeding £20,000, or, if they determined to borrow separately, any sums not exceeding £10,000 each. The Clerk explained the difficulty the Town Council were in in respect that, as the result mainly of the extension of the burgh since 1898, the capital expenditure of the Town Council now exceeded £10,000, while that of the County Council was considerably under that sum. It was agreed, after discussion, that the Clerk should be empowered to negotiate with the Town Council of the Burgh of Rutherglen on the subject, and to report to a future meeting.

Telegraph and telephone poles.—Interim report by County Auditor to Secretary for Scotland.

In connection with the deputation from the County Council and the District Committees of the Middle and Lower Wards, which waited upon the Postmaster-General in London on 23rd November, 1911, on the subject of telegraph and telephone poles, the Clerk stated that the County Auditor had made an interim report under Section 70 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, to the Secretary for Scotland, who had not yet disposed of the report, but had indicated his opinion that the deputation was, *ultra vires*, of the County Council, in point of size, on the ground that while the deputation numbered nine the regulations made by the Secretary for Scotland in 1906 provided for a maximum of five.

Clerk to make representation to Secretary for Scotland.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed that the Clerk should make a representation to the Secretary for Scotland setting forth the special circumstances of the case, and that he should otherwise take such steps and give such guarantee as to compliance with the regulations in future as would meet the views of the Secretary for Scotland.

Communication from Secretary for Scotland intimating appointment of Mr. Peter Rintoul, C.A., as County Auditor.

The Clerk submitted a communication from the Secretary for Scotland, of date 10th December, intimating that he had appointed Mr. Peter Rintoul, C.A., 212 West George Street, Glasgow, to audit the accounts of the County Council (including the accounts of the District Committees) for the year ending 15th May next.

Increase of auditor's salary.

The question of the auditor's salary having been raised, the Clerk submitted a Statement of the time now occupied by Mr. Rintoul and his staff as compared with the time occupied when the last increase was granted. After consideration, it was unanimously agreed, in view of the additional work, to increase Mr. Rintoul's remuneration from £400 to £450 per annum, The Clerk was instructed to communicate this resolution to the Secretary for Scotland for his approval.

House Letting and Rating Act, Leadhills.—Report by Clerk.

With reference to the minutes of the committee, of date 6th November, the Clerk stated that he had been in communication with Mr. A. Agnew Ralston, Philipstoun, the factor for Lord Linlithgow upon whose lands the houses at Leadhills were built, on the subject of the adoption of the House Letting and Rating Act in the village of Leadhiils, and that he had made suggestions which he thought might avoid certain difficulties that might arise consequent upon the adoption of the Act.

Recommendation.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed to recommend the County Council to adopt the provisions of the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911, in the Leadhills Special Scavenging District.

Bellshill J.P. Court.—Question of weekly sittings.

The Clerk having stated that it had been represented to him that there was a desire for a weekly J.P. Court at Bellshill, instead of one every three weeks as at present, and that the question of the area to be served by the Court had also been raised, it was agreed to delay consideration until an indication had been given of the feeling

of the Justices of the Peace in the Parish of Bothwell with regard to the proposal, it being understood that the Clerk of the Peace would be asked to convene a meeting of the Justices of the Peace for consideration of the matter.

Crawford Water.—Proposal to acquire springs on Colebrooke Estate.

The Clerk submitted correspondence which had passed between him and the Clerk to the Upper Ward District Committee regarding a proposal to acquire certain springs on the Colebrooke Estate for the supply of water to the village of Crawford, and for the acquisition of ground for tanks. The Agent for the Colebrooke Estate was agreeable to feu the ground required for the tanks, but was only willing to grant a lease of the water rights for a period of 35 years. The Clerk stated that he had himself communicated with the Agent for the Colebrooke Estate and had endeavoured to secure the water rights for a longer tenure, but without success. After consideration, it was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Clerk, with power to make the best arrangements possible in the circumstances.

Sewage Purification Works at Larkhall.

Under reference to the minutes of the committee, of dates 31st July and 11th September, 1912, in connection with the acquisition of land at Millheugh, Larkhall, for the construction of Sewage Purification Works, the Clerk stated that in connection with the preparation of the County Council's title to the land he had thought it prudent to endeavour to arrange that the obligation which the present superior of the land had arranged to come under in regard to *non* objection to the Council's proposed use of the land should be made to attach to future superiors, but that he had not been able to arrive at an arrangement that he could recommend for the committee's approval. The meeting agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Clerk, with power to conclude the transaction on the terms originally approved.

Sewage Purification Works at Shotts.—Acquisition of Lands of Halkwoodburn.

There was submitted a communication from the Clerk to the District Committee, of date 24th December, 1912, enclosing a copy of a correspondence which had taken place between him and Messrs. Menzies, Bruce-Low, & Thomson, W.S., Edinburgh, on behalf of the proprietors of Halkwoodburn, Shotts. From the correspondence it appeared that the District Committee had made a tentative arrangement to acquire a portion of the Lands of Halkwoodburn, extending to 6·305 acres, for the purpose of constructing Sewage Purification Works, in connection with the Shotts and Dykehead Special Drainage District, and for obtaining a wayleave for sewers in connection with the Drainage System. The price to be paid for the ground and wayleave was £900, which was to include all claims for severance, damage, &c., the County Council to come under the usual obligations as to fencing and making good any damage caused by the operations. The committee, after consideration and explanations, approved of the proposed purchase and remitted to the Clerk to have the transaction completed.

Thanks of Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science (Incorporated) for Council's contribution.

There was submitted a communication from the Treasurer of the Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science (Incorporated) conveying the thanks of the College for the Council's contribution of £500.

Applications relative to borrowing.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting applications for the consent of the committee to the borrowing of the following sums to meet the cost of capital works, viz. :—

UPPER WARD.

(1) £150 for addition of boiler-house, coal cellar, &c., at Carluke Public Slaughter house.

(2) £417 11s. for completion of scheme for Forth Special Water District.

MIDDLE WARD.

(1) £15,200 for the provision and erection of additional buildings, &c., at Middle Ward Hospital near Motherwell.

(2) £150 for fencing and furnishing, &c., at Blantyre Hospital.

LOWER WARD.

(*a*) £30 6s. 11d. for the acquisition of sewer in Anniesdale Avenue, Stepps; and (*b*) £96 14s. 11d. being excess capital expenditure in connection with extension of filter beds at Stepps Sewage Purification Works both within Stepps Special Drainage District.

The meeting having considered the above applications, and the information submitted in relation to them, agreed to recommend the borrowing of the sums above specified, subject to the consent of the Standing Joint-Committee being obtained, and the Clerk was instructed to submit the applications to that Committee for their consent.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 8th January, 1913, being a Meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark. — 8th January, 1913.

Present—

John Adam.
James Anderson.
Colonel Buchanan.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Alexander Hamilton.
Robert Lambie.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
William Love.
William M. Marshall.
William Neilson.
Gavin A. Shanks.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
James Tonner.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to Middle Ward District Committee.

Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 4th December, 1912, which had been approved by the County Council on 11th December, having been submitted, were signed by the chairman. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk reported the proceedings at meetings of the Tramways Sub Committee and Blantyre Gas Sub-Committee held this day, all as set forth in the minutes of these sub-committees, which form respectively Appendices I. and II. hereto. The meeting approved. — *Minutes of Tramways and Blantyre Gas Sub-Committees.*

The Clerk reported that all the Parliamentary deposits in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order had been duly made in terms of the General Orders. — *Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.—Parliamentary deposits made.*

Estimate of Expenditure as finally adjusted.

He further reported that, since the Order had been before the Council, apart from one or two unimportant verbal amendments, the only alterations on its terms had been made in the Estimate of Expenditure. This, as finally adjusted by the Engineers, is now as follows:—

Purchase of land and servitudes, ...	£38,000
Storage reservoir, ...	130,000
Road diversions, ...	12,000
Service reservoirs and filters, ...	23,000
Trunk conduits and mains, ...	200,000
Other mains and pipes, ...	7,500
Subsidiary works, ...	7,500
Afforestation, ...	12,000
	£430,000
Less estimated cost of the works to be abandoned under the Order, ...	100,000
	£330,000

Communications submitted at last meeting from Town-Clerk, Motherwell, and Agent of Colliery Owners.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that on 4th ultimo the committee had had under consideration letters regarding certain provisions in the Order from the Town-Clerk of Motherwell, and from Mr. J. C. Bishop, writer, Glasgow, as agent for certain colliery owners. The committee had on that occasion agreed that when the Draft Order had been approved by the County Council, representatives of the Town Council of Motherwell and Mr. Bishop's clients should be afforded an opportunity of conferring with the members of the committee.

The Clerk also reported that the following additional communications regarding the provisions of the Water Order had since been received, viz.:—

Letter from Accountant of the Caledonian Railway Company.

Letter from Mr. J. Orr Galloway, accountant of the Caledonian Railway Company, dated 23rd December, 1912, requesting information as to the sum to be borrowed and the estimated amount of additional assessments from subjects not hitherto rated or proposed to be rated differently, to enable him to estimate what rate of assessment would be required.

Communication from Scottish Automobile Club.

Letter from the Secretary of the Scottish Automobile Club, dated 19th December, 1912, objecting to the powers which the District Committee are taking in the Order to treat the use of water for washing motor vehicles as a non-domestic use, and suggesting that an amendment might be made to limit the powers in the Order or to restrict the charge to a maximum of, say, 20s. per annum, and then only when a hose-pipe is used.

Objection by Glasgow Corporation to inclusion of part of lands of Cathkin and Burnside within limits of supply.

Letter from the Town-Clerk, Glasgow, dated 10th December, 1912, intimating that the Parliamentary Bills Committee of Glasgow Corporation did not acquiesce in the proposal to include within the Middle Ward Water Supply District certain parts of the lands of Cathkin and Burnside which presently are within the area of the Corporation.

Conference with objectors.

Having considered these various communications, the committee decided to invite representatives from the Scottish Automobile Club to meet with them at the same time as they were meeting with representatives from the Burgh of Motherwell and with Mr. Bishop's clients, and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with these various parties and invite them to attend a conference, which it was decided to hold in the County Buildings, Glasgow, on Thursday, 16th instant, at two o'clock afternoon.

Whole members of Committee to meet with parties.—Members of Special Committee of Middle Ward District Committee to be invited to be present.

On the motion of Mr. Fenton, seconded by Mr. Tonner, it was agreed that the whole members of the committee be appointed to meet with these parties.

In this connection the Clerk stated that he was informed that the Middle Ward District Committee had appointed a special committee in connection with the promotion of the Water Order. The special committee consisted of ten members, seven of whom were members of this committee. It was agreed to invite the members of the special committee to be present at the meeting on Thursday, and to act in co-operation with this committee in the promotion of the Order.

With reference to the request by Mr. J. Orr Galloway, the Clerk was empowered to give that gentleman the information he desired, and he was also authorised to give similar information to other interested persons who might make appilcation for it in such cases as he thought proper.

Mr. J. Orr Galloway's request granted.

Clerk empowered to give similar information to others.

It was considered unnecessary to take any action in regard to the letter from the Town-Clerk of Glasgow.

No action regarding letter from Town-Clerk, Glasgow.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that when the Lanarkshire Middle Ward District Water Order of 1908 was being promoted there had been included within the limits of supply part of the lands of Fernhill belonging to the late Mr. John Millar. Mr. Millar had objected to the inclusion of his land on the ground that the estate possessed an efficient private water supply, and to meet his objections an undertaking had been given that while his lands were included within the limits of supply, nothing would be done which would render any houses, built or to be built on Mr. Millar's lands, liable to the domestic rate so long as the houses were provided with a satisfactory supply of water from the estate supply. Mr. Millar's Trustees now desire that the former undertaking should be extended to cover these additional lands.

Request by Trustees of Mr. John Millar of Fernhill for extension of undertaking to additional part of estate to be included in Order.

The committee were of opinion that the Trustees' request was a reasonable one, and instructed that the necessary undertaking be granted.

Undertaking to be adjusted.

The Clerk submitted a print of a Provisional Order being promoted this session by the Caledonian Railway Company, one of the objects of the Order being to acquire certain strips of ground adjoining the Company's lines between Hamilton and Blantyre. The Order was, as regards this matter, in terms similar to the Order which the Company had commenced to promote last year, but which they had abandoned. The Order of last year contained clauses for the protection of the County Council, and these the Railway Company were willing to insert in the present Order. From the Order it appeared that portions of the lands connected with the Blantyre Destructor, the Blantyre Slaughter-house, and the Sewage Purification Works were included within one or other of the strips proposed to be acquired by the Railway Company. It might also be necessary to guard against any interference with sewers or water-pipes belonging to the District Committee.

Caledonian Railway Order.

The committee resolved to recommend the County Council to oppose the Order, unless a suitable agreement was come to for the protection of the interests of the County Council and District Committee, and meantime remitted to the Clerk, along with the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee, to negotiate with the Railway Company with a view to the adjusting of suitable clauses.

Order to be opposed failing agreement.

The Clerk also submitted a print of an Order which is being promoted by the Airdrie Corporation with the object of extending the limits of supply of the Gas Undertaking, and authorising the Corporation to levy a differential gas rate in the added area, along with a letter from the Town-Clerk of Airdrie, dated 4th current, requesting a meeting to discuss any objections which the County Council might have to the Order, and stating that if the County Council were to object to the differential rate in the added area, the Corporation of Airdrie would delete from their Order the proposal to extend the limits of supply.

Airdrie Corporation Gas Order.

Letter from Town-Clerk, Airdrie.

The Clerk further reported that the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee considered that an effort should be made by the County Council to obtain clauses giving additional protection to roads.

The committee resolved that this Order also should be opposed unless suitable clauses could be obtained for the County Council's protection, including a clause reserving the County Council's right to supply gas in the added area if powers were got for that purpose, notwithstanding the fact that the Airdrie Corporation might have supplied gas there. It was remitted to the Chairman and the Clerk, along with the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee to meet with representatives of Airdrie Corporation on these matters.

Order to be opposed failing adjustment of suitable clauses.

Chairman and Clerk and Clerk to Middle Ward District Committee to meet representatives of Airdrie Corporation.

Control of River Clyde.—Letter from Lord Inverclyde.

The Clerk submitted a letter from Lord Inverclyde, asking the County Council to express their opinion on the advisability of steps being taken at this time to place the Clyde under the control of one body, in view of the fact that the Greenock Harbour Trustees and the Corporation of Greenock were promoting Bills this session which might render such action more difficult in the future. Lord Inverclyde explained that the Clyde Navigation Trustees consider the present moment inopportune, but that he did not agree with that view of the matter.

A copy of the Lord Inverclyde's letter forms Appendix III. to this minute.

Sub-Committee to meet with Lord Inverclyde.

After an expression of opinion by various members of the committee, it was agreed to appoint Mr. William Speirs and Mr. John Jackson, the County Council's representatives on the Clyde Trust, along with the convener, Colonel King Stewart, and the Chairman of the Committee, as a special sub-committee to meet with Lord Inverclyde on the subject, and to report.

APPENDIX I.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

LANARK COUNTY TRAMWAYS

8th January, 1913.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 8th January, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark on the Lanark County Tramways Act.

Present—

George Fraser.	William M. Marshall.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Neilson.
Robert Lambie.	William Templeton.

Attending—

Mr. G. F. Möller, Manager of the Lanarkshire Tramways Company.

Chairman.

Mr. George Fraser, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Sub-Committee, of date 20th November, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved by the Parliamentary Bills Committee, were laid before the meeting and signed.

Specification for construction of tramways.

The Clerk reported that, subsequent to the last meeting, the Specifications prepared by Mr. Möller had been submitted to Mr. B. Hall Blyth and Mr. Alexander Scott, C.E. As a result of their examination of the Specifications certain alterations had been made in their terms and a number of General Clauses had been added. The Specifications as so amended had been again submitted to Mr. Möller and approved generally by him. Copies of the Specifications had then been forwarded to the Lanarkshire Tramways Company and the British Thomson-Houston Company, Limited, and thereafter a correspondence had taken place between the Clerk and these firms regarding certain provisions in the Specification to which the British Thomson-Houston Company, Limited, had taken exception. All the points of difference, however, had been adjusted except those relating to Maintenance, Decision of Engineer, Damage to Bridges, and Payments. The Contractor's views on these points were as follows:—

Points of difference with contractors.

Maintenance.—The British Thomson-Houston Company, Limited, desired an allowance of 2½ per cent. to cover cost of maintenance, and also that the County Council should relieve them of any liability to make good damage due to mineral subsidence or severity of weather. A subsequent proposal had been made by the Lanarkshire Tramways Company that instead of fixing any percentage for maintenance a contingency fund of

say £1,500 should be allocated to Maintenance (fair wear and tear excepted); that this fund should be drawn upon to make good any repairs, the cost of these being charged at the contract rate, and that any balance remaining unexpended should be handed back to the County Council.

Decision of Engineer.—The Contractors suggested that it would be proper that in the case of any decision of Mr. Möller as Engineer for the proposed tramways on any difference arising under the Contract being challenged by them, there should be an appeal to an independent arbiter.

Damage to Bridges.—The Contractors desired to be relieved of liability to make good any damage caused to bridges in the course of their operations, this, they explained, being a risk which they cannot insure against. They also wished a provision inserted in the contract that they should not be bound to proceed with the laying of the track under or over any railway or other bridge, or with the erection of overhead line-poles until instructed by the County Council, and that, in the event of delay by the County Council in giving such instructions, the time for completion of the contract should, if necessary, be extended accordingly.

Payments.—The Contractors desired an allowance of 2½ per cent. on the *cumulo* amount of materials, freight, wages and salaries on site, and all other direct expenses, to cover establishment charges. To this total, including the 2½ per cent., there would fall to be added 10 per cent. as the Contractors' profit. It was, however, indicated that the Contractors might accept 2 per cent. for establishment charges.

Decision of sub-committee on points raised by contractors.

Having considered the various matters, and the Clerk having explained his views, the Sub-Committee decided as follows :—

Maintenance.—The Sub-Committee agreed that clauses should be inserted in the Specification relieving the Contractors of liability to make good any damage due to mineral subsidence or severity of weather; that for any repairs other than repairs attributable to faulty material or workmanship, the Contractors should be paid at contract rates, and that the County Council's liability under this head should be limited to a sum not exceeding £1,500.

Decision of Engineer.—The Sub-Committee considered the Contractors' proposal under this head reasonable, and instructed the Clerk to suggest to the Contractors that the appeal from Mr. Möller's decision should be to the Arbiter under the contract.

Damage to Bridges.—The Sub-Committee agreed to relieve the Contractors of any liability for damage done to bridges, unless in so far as such damage might result from fault or negligence on the part of the Contractors. The Sub-Committee also agreed to the Contractors' proposal that they should not proceed with the laying of the track or erection of overhead line-poles until instructed by the County Council, and that any delay due to the County Council's failure to give such instructions should be taken into account in computing the time for the completion of the contract.

Payments.—The Sub-Committee agreed that the Contractors should be allowed 2 per cent. to cover establishment charges.

Alteration of telegraphs at Bellshill.

The Clerk also reported that, in connection with the construction of the Tramways through Bellshill, it would be necessary to alter the position of the telegraphs belonging to the Post Office. The Postmaster has, however, intimated his intention of making certain alterations on the position of the poles and wires in Bellshill, including the removal of the poles in the Main Street. In this connection he drew attention to the fact that, if the telegraphs remained in position until the construction of the tramways was commenced by the County Council, the County Council would, under the Tramways Order, be put to an expense which he estimated at about £600. It was suggested that it was reasonable that if the Postmaster-General would undertake to divert the telegraphs at the present time from the Main Street of Bellshill, the County Council should make payment to the Postmaster-General of an amount equivalent to the cost which they would ultimately have had to incur in altering the telegraph poles in connection with the new tramways had these poles remained in their present position.

The Clerk also reported that Mr. Möller had gone over the route, and had formed an estimate of the probable cost of altering the telegraphs.

The sub-committee agreed to recommend that if the Postmaster-General undertook to divert the telegraphs in the Main Street in Bellshill, the County Council should contribute a sum equivalent to the amount which they would have had to expend in diverting the telegraphs in connection with the construction of the tramways, and remitted to the Clerk to arrange the best possible terms with the Postmaster-General.

Letter from Mr. Jarvie for Mr. Livey's trustees as to portion of pavement required at New Stevenston.

The Clerk submitted a letter from Mr. Robert F. Jarvie, bank agent, Bellshill, factor for Mr. Alexander Livey's Trustees, in which Mr. Jarvie stated that he understood the County Council would require a portion of the pavement in front of the properties at New Stevenston belonging to his clients. Mr. Jarvie had interviewed several of the Trustees, and had ascertained that they were willing to give up a portion of the pavement on condition that the County Council undertook to pave the remaining portion with granolithic and pay the expense which would be incurred by the Trustees in connection with the transaction.

The sub-committee agreed to leave this matter in the hands of the Clerk.

APPENDIX II.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

BLANTYRE GAS.

8th January, 1913. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 8th January, 1913, being a meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark and of the District Committee of the Middle Ward appointed with reference to Blantyre Gas.

Present—

James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
William Neilson.
Colonel King Stewart.
James Tonner.

Attending—

As representing the Middle Ward District Committee:—

William Barr.
William Sym.
William Templeton.

As representing the District:—

John Jackson.
Alex. R. Mitchell.

Chairman. Mr. Neilson was appointed chairman of the meeting.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having heen taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 19th June, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved by the Parliamentary Bills Committee, were laid before the meeting and signed.

Communication from Mr. Sillar. The Clerk submitted to the meeting a further communication (Appendix) which he had received from Mr. William Sillar, on behalf of the Committee of Ratepayers of Blantyre, a copy of which he had sent to each member of the sub-committee

Further correspondence with Gas Company.

The Clerk also stated that he had written to the Secretary of the Blantyre Gas Company, reminding him of the decision to which the sub-committee had arrived at their meeting on 19th June last, and enquiring whether his company had any further communication to make to the County Council on the subject, and that he had received a reply, which was in the following terms, viz. :—

"Parish Council Chambers,
"Blantyre, 6th January, 1913.

"DEAR SIR.

"BLANTYRE GAS.

"I am in receipt of your letter of 4th instant making reference to your letter, of date 20th June last, and excerpt from minutes of meeting of your Parliamentary Bills Sub-Committee, also asking for any further communication the Company has to make to the County Council.

"I have to intimate that immediately after the meeting with your Parliamentary Bills Committee on 27th March last, the Company put themselves into communication with owners of colliery houses and the owners of tenement property where there was no gas supply. No answers were received, and, after waiting a reasonable time, they were again communicated with, with the result that, after considerable correspondence, all the owners of colliery houses, viz., Messrs. Wm. Dixon, Ltd., Messrs. Wm Baird & Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Merry & Cunninghame, Ltd., gave the Gas Company permission to lay gas mains, and put the necessary fittings for a supply of gas into their respective properties, the expense of which is to be wholly defrayed by the Gas Company. Immediately after permission had been obtained schedules were issued and offers invited for the various works, and the contracts were fixed on 2nd December, 1912. Owing, however, to the great demand for steel main gas pipes, the Company have not been able to get delivery of these up till now, but they are promised for the middle of this month, and the work will be proceeded with as soon as they are delivered.

"I may say that the cost of putting the gas into these 500 houses will be a little over £2,000.

"With regard to the owners of tenement property, only one has replied stating he has no intention of putting gas fittings into his properties.

"I am, &c.,

(Signed) "A. B. MAXWELL,
"*Secretary.*"

Gas Company to be again communicated with.

After discussion, the meeting instructed that a copy of Mr. Sillar's communication be sent to the Secretary of the Gas Company for any observations which the company might desire to make thereon.

Proposed testing of quality of gas.

The meeting authorised the Clerk to employ an expert to test the quality of the gas supplied by the Blantyre Gas Company, as well as of that supplied by the Corporation of the Burgh of Hamilton.

Memorandum to be prepared by Clerk.

The meeting, at the same time, instructed the Clerk to prepare a Memorandum on the general question of Gas Supply in the County.

8th January, 1913.

APPENDIX.

Springwell,
Blantyre, 19th December, 1912

DEAR SIR,

BLANTYRE GAS.

The committee in charge of this matter held a public meeting last night to explain the course of events since August of last year, when our instructions from them were to try to arrange for a supply of gas from Hamilton. We explained that the period of grace given to Blantyre Gas Company, as per your minute of June last, had now expired, and their mind is expressed in the following resolution passed unanimously:—

> "This meeting calls on the County Council to accept the offer made to them by Hamilton Corporation on 31st October, 1911, for a supply of gas for Blantyre, and to grant the necessary facilities for carrying out the scheme without further delay."

Please, therefore, have the matter taken up by your committee at the earliest possible moment and a decision come to. The only change in circumstance is a rumour that the Blantyre Gas Company intend to pipe the Miners' Rows (about 450 houses), but as their intention is to put in meters, giving only 20 feet for a penny = 4s. 2d. per 1,000 feet, this would not be of much use in meeting the situation. The consumpt in Blantyre is just about one-third of the normal for a place of 16,500, with no electricity supply in competition. There are 1,700 houses *in the Blantyre Lighting District* without a supply of gas, as against 1,500 domestic meters in use, a condition of things unparallelled anywhere. The proprietors and tenants of the single and two-apartment houses have practically boycotted the Gas Company, as it was the only weapon they possessed to fight the excessive price charged.

The cost price of Blantyre gas (as per balance sheet enclosed) for last year is 2s. 6½d. per 1,000 feet. This year, with the increase in price of coal, it will be 2s. 9d., and as (unless in 1911-12) they have been in the habit of taking 1s. 1d. per 1,000 feet of profit you can see at a glance what a hopeless position they are in. In their annual return for 1911-12, they give their candle power as 19 against the 22 claimed by the secretary before your committee, and they do not now fill up the column for "unaccounted for" gas, so that practically they have not made a single reliable statement during the controversy. We enclose a balance sheet of the company given in comparison by Mr. Brown, from which you will see that the causes for Blantyre's poor position lie deeper and are more far-reaching than any leakage theory. The only other points raised by the company that I wish to mention are the quality of gas and the rise in population. We did not find fault with the quality—we believe it to be the ordinary quality sold in the district—while the rise in population, as you can see from the last four census returns (9,000, 11,000, 14,000, and 16,000 odds), has been very regular, much slower than say Bellshill, and could cause no difficulty to a gas company in keeping pace. From the foregoing facts I am sure your committee will agree that it is the merest act of justice to the community of Blantyre to have this grievance remedied at once. If they would visit the district any evening, and see the long rows of workmen's houses and great dismal tenements with the little paraffin lamps, they would not lose a single day in conferring on Blantyre the undoubted boon of a cheap and plentiful supply of gas.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) WILLIAM SILLAR.

BLANTYRE GAS COMPANY.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MAY, 1912.

Capital and Liabilities.

Capital—			
Shares of £1 each, fully paid, 6,000, ...	£6,000 0 0		
Shares of £1 each, 13s. 4d. paid up, 6,000 ...	4,000 0 0		
		£10,000 0 0	
Added to plant from Reserve, ...		1,122 18 7	
Reserve Fund Account—			
Amount of same, ...	£747 18 10		
Interest on Deposits, ...	8 7 3		
		756 6 1	
Dividend Account unclaimed, ...		2 1 0	
Deposits from consumers, ...		12 10 0	
Profit and Loss Account—			
Amount of same, ...	£1,276 3 8		
Nett profit for year, ...	511 8 5		
		1,787 12 1	
		£13,681 7 9	

Property and Assets.

Gas Works, Plant, Pipes, &c., Account—Cost, ...			£11,122 18 7
Investments against Reserve—In bank on loan at cost, ...			756 6 1
Stock on hand—Coal and Oxide, ...			199 2 10
Debts due to Company—			
Gas, ...	£525 10 7		
Gas Store Rents, ...	16 5 9		
Char, &c., ...	207 17 1		
Tar, ...	66 1 0		
		815 14 5	
Guarantee Deposits, ...			65 0 0
Clydesdale Bank—Current Account and Deposit, ...	£707 14 10		
Consumers' Deposit Account, ...	12 10 0		
Dividend Account, ...	2 1 0		
		722 5 10	
			£13,681 7 9

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Revenue.

Gas consumed, 22,663,800 feet, average 3s., ...	£3,393 16 10		
Store Rents, ...	47 12 6		
	£3,441 9 4		
Less arrears—irrecoverable, ...	28 4 7		
		£3,413 4 9	
Residual Products—Coke, ...	£528 1 8		
Tar, ...	539 2 6		
	£1,067 4 2		
Irrecoverable, ...	0 11 3		
		1,066 12 11	
Stock on hand at close of this Account, ...		199 2 10	
Interest on Bank Deposits, ...		15 3 7	
		£4.694 4 1	

Expenditure.

Material and carriage—Coal, ...	£1,815 0 9		
Oxide, ...	38 18 7		
Cartages, ...	122 12 1		
Repairs, Maintenance, Rents, and Sundries, ...	1,127 19 8		
		£3,104 11 1	
Wages and Salaries, ...		975 17 2	
Stock on hand at beginning of year, ...		102 7 5	
Balance, being gain on year's working, ...		511 8 5	
			£4,694 4 1

Gas sold, 22,663,800 feet, value £3,393 16 10
Less profit as above, ... 511 8 5
£2,882 8 5

Population of Lighting District, 15,500.

Cost price, ... 2s. 6½d. per 1,000 feet.

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CARLUKE GAS COMPANY.

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL, 1912.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.

Amount of shares—5,000 at £1,	£5,000 0 0		
Debentures,	5,400 0 0		
		£10,400 0 0	
Reserve Fund Account,		233 19 9	
Debts due,		29 18 0	
Balance from last year,	£2,605 6 5		
Less dividend,	500 0 0		
	£2,105 6 5		
Profit for year,	688 1 7		
		2,793 8 0	
		£13,457 5 9	

PROPERTY AND ASSETS.

Value of works' plant taken over by present company,	£1,182 11 5		
New plant,	6,321 18 6		
	£7,504 9 11		
Written off,	1,204 9 11		
	£6,300 0 0		
Added plant,	5,925 0 0		
		£12,225 0 0	
Accounts due,		37 15 7	
Stock at works,		117 6 3	
Cash on hand and bank,		1,077 3 11	
		£13,457 5 9	

PROFIT AND LOSS.

Gas and meter rents,	£2,553 1 10	
Tar and char,	875 10 2	
Meters, &c., sold,	29 19 10	
Old iron,	73 19 4	
Registration fees,	0 7 6	
	£3,532 18 8	

Coal and lime,	£894 19 9
Wages,	575 1 3
Meters, &c.,	264 17 10
Repairs,	522 8 4
Discounts,	44 16 2
Directors' fees,	22 11 0
Interest on debentures,	174 2 9
Bank interest,	1 9 2
Feu, rent, taxes, and insurances,	344 10 9
To balance profit,	688 1 7
	£3,532 18 8

Consumpt,	19,760,000.
Population of Lighting District,	5,220.

Selling price, 2s. 6d., *less* discount = 2s. 5½d. nett.
Cost price, ... 1s. 9d.

8th January, 1913.

APPENDIX III.

COPY LETTER—THE LORD INVERCLYDE TO THE COUNTY CLERK.

"30 Jamaica Street,
"GLASGOW, *6th January*, 1913.

"DEAR SIR,

"No doubt the question of control of the Clyde, which I have recently raised, has been before you in regard to what has appeared in the newspapers, in which I have advocated that the Clyde should be developed as one harbour under one authority.

"As your Council is represented on the Clyde Trust, I think it right to ask you to bring the matter before your Council and tell you what the position now is.

"Sir Thomas Mason, Chairman of the Clyde Trust, has written to me as follows:—

> 'It is necessary that I should be able to inform my colleagues whether the parties promoting these rival measures are both agreeable to enter on negotiations with us, and that I should also have an outline of the main features of the basis on which these would be expected to proceed, as otherwise the Trustees could not form a satisfactory opinion on the practicability of the scheme.'

"I communicated the foregoing to Provost Macmillan, of Greenock, and to Mr. William Johnstone, who represent the two parties in the Greenock Harbour Trust promoting the two Bills, and they, accompanied by three of their colleagues, met with me.

"As a result, I was able to write and tell Sir Thomas Mason under what conditions both parties were prepared to negotiate, and also give him the main features of the basis on which these would be expected to proceed.

"Sir Thomas Mason has now written to me as follows:—

> 'After full discussion and careful consideration, the Trustees, while generally favourable to one control for the whole river, resolved that, under existing conditions, the time was not opportune for entering into negotiations, especially having regard to the present position of the parties at Greenock promoting the rival Bills with respect to that harbour.'

"It is satisfactory to learn that the Clyde Trustees are generally favourable to what I have put forward, and which, indeed, as far as I can learn, if not entirely, is almost unanimously approved of by all those interested, and that no exception is taken to the conditions of negotiations which I put forward.

"It is, however, to be regretted, after I had been able to respond to Sir Thomas Mason's request, that the Clyde Trustees, under a plea of the time being not opportune, should decline to take advantage of the opening made for them to negotiate.

"Two Bills are being promoted from Greenock; it is surely not improbable that out of them something will evolve, and that an Act will come into operation creating vested interests; can it be thought that a more opportune time can occur than the present, and that in the future such an opening as has been given for negotiations will occur again?

"I would appreciate an expression of opinion by your Council, and therefore would be glad to hear from you after the matter has been considered.

"My own view is that, despite the resolution of the Clyde Trustees, endeavours should still be continued to bring about the desired result.

"Yours truly,

"(Signed) INVERCLYDE.

"THOMAS MUNRO, Esq.,
"County Offices,
"Hamilton."

16th January, 1913. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Thursday, 16th January, 1913, being a Meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

James Anderson.	*William M. Marshall.
James H. Fenton.	*William Neilson.
*George Fraser.	Gavin A. Shanks.
*Alexander Hamilton.	Colonel King Stewart.
*Robert Lambie.	William Sym.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.	William Templeton.
*William Love.	James Tonner.

And

The following additional members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order:—

James Steele, Senior. | David Thomson.

Chairman. Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 8th January, 1913, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the committee, were submitted, and on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Lambie, were approved and signed, Mr. Tonner dissenting from the committee's decision regarding the undertaking to be given to the Trustees of the late Mr. John Millar, of Fernhill.

Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order. — Letter from Mr. James C. Bishop as to the altered position of his clients. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr. James C. Bishop, Writer, Glasgow, of date 14th current, intimating that, subsequent to 4th December last, when he had written to the Clerk the letter which is embodied in the committee's minute of that date, the position of his clients had altered, in consequence of the matter having been taken up by the Lanarkshire Coal Owners' Association since the Order was lodged. Mr. Bishop explained that it had not been possible to have a meeting of the Association or of the Executive Committee in order to consider the Clerk's letter of 9th instant, inviting his clients to be present at the meeting to-day, and that in consequence no one was authorised to take part in the proposed conference.

Deputations from objectors. The Clerk also reported that he had communicated with the Town-Clerk of Motherwell, the Secretary of the Scottish Automobile Club, and the Clerk to the Airdrie, Coatbridge, and District Water Trust, informing them that the committee would be glad to meet with representatives of their constituents, and that representatives of these bodies were in attendance.

He further reported that there were also in attendance Agents representing—

The Proprietors of Braidhirst;
Lord Hamilton of Dalzell; and
The Duke of Hamilton;

who desired to put before the committee certain aspects of the Order affecting their clients' interests.

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* These members are also members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.

Deputations received.

The meeting thereafter received the following deputations in succession, viz.:—

Representing the Town Council of Motherwell—

Provost Park,
Bailie Grant,
„ Ferguson,
„ Coughtrie,
Councillor Wilson,
Councillor Frood,
„ M'Lees,
„ Hamilton,
„ Paterson,
„ M'Neill, and
Mr. James Burns, Town-Clerk.

Representing the Scottish Automobile Club—

Mr. G. H. Robb, Writer, Glasgow, Solicitor of the Club;
Mr. R. J. Smith, C.A., Glasgow, Secretary; and
Mr. Muirhead, Solicitor, Glasgow, Member of the Executive Committee.

Representing the Proprietors of Braidhirst—

Mr. Muirhead, writer, Glasgow.

Lord Hamilton of Dalzell—

Mr. Learmonth, of Messrs. Hamilton, Kinnear, & Beatson, W.S., Edinburgh.

The Duke of Hamilton—

Mr. Scott, of Messrs. Tods, Murray, & Jamieson, W.S., Edinburgh.

Representing the Airdrie, Coatbridge, and District Water Trust—

Bailie Frew, Chairman.
„ Kirk.
Mr. John J. M'Murdo, Clerk.
Mr. John Chisholm, Manager.
Mr. James B. Allan, Treasurer.

The deputations having severally explained to the meeting the respective points on which they took objection to the provisions of the Order or in regard to which they desired amendments on the clauses, were thanked for their attendance, and, having thanked the meeting for their reception, withdrew.

Airdrie Gas Order.—Deputation from Airdrie Corporation.

The Clerk reminded the committee that it had been remitted to the Chairman and himself, along with the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee, to meet with representatives of the Airdrie Corporation regarding the Gas Order which that Corporation is promoting this session. It had been thought that it might be convenient to invite representatives of Airdrie Corporation to attend this meeting, as some of these gentlemen were also to be present as representatives of the Airdrie, Coatbridge, and District Water Trust. A deputation was accordingly in attendance from the Airdrie Corporation. The committee having agreed to receive the deputation, the following representatives of Airdrie Corporation were introduced to the meeting, viz.:—

Bailie Frew,
„ Goldie,
Mr. M'Murdo, Clerk,
„ Currie, Gas Manager.

The deputation, having explained to the meeting the objects which the Corporation had in view in promoting the Order and given certain other explanations as to the area proposed to be included and the existing gas supply therein, were thanked for their attendance, and withdrew.

Memorandum of points raised by deputations to be prepared by Clerk.

Thereafter the committee, having considered the matter raised by the several deputations, agreed that the Clerk should prepare a Memorandum setting forth the points raised by the respective deputations, and should add any explanations or observations which he thought necessary to make thereon for the committee's information. It was agreed that after this Memorandum had been issued, the committee should meet to consider the various points dealt with.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

HAMILTON COURT-HOUSES COMMITTEE.

At HAMILTON, and within the County Offices, there, on Tuesday, 14th January, 1913, being a meeting of the Committee of the County Council of Lanark for Managing the Court Houses and County Buildings at Hamilton. — 14th January, 1913.

Present—

James Cameron.	Gavin A. Shanks.
Robert Lambie.	William Sym.
William Love.	William Templeton.
William M. Marshall.	James Tonner.

Attending—

Duncan M'Intyre, Keeper of the Buildings.

Mr. Marshall, Chairman of the committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 9th February, 1912, which had been approved by the County Council on 9th May last, having been submitted were signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk stated that, at an informal meeting of the committee, held on 2nd October last, he had submitted a request by Lieutenant Keith, of the 6th Scottish Rifles, for the use of the County Hall for a ball to be held on 31st October, and that, after consideration, the meeting had agreed to grant the request. — *Letting of County Hall, Hamilton, for 6th S.R. Ball.*

The meeting, having considered the question of the advisability of letting the County Hall for such purposes in future, agreed to delay coming to any definite decision in the matter. — *Question of letting of hall meantime delayed.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a statement of the accounts which had been incurred in connection with the repair, alteration, and furnishing of the new offices in Clydesdale Street, amounting in all to £1,148 11s. 3d., payment of which was authorised by the committee. — *Offices in Clydesdale Street.— Accounts.*

The members of the committee, having made an inspection of the new offices, expressed satisfaction at the manner in which the repairs and alterations had been carried out, and also with the internal arrangements. The meeting authorised the relaying of the drain at the back of the westmost house. — *Inspection by Committee.*

The meeting agreed to record their appreciation of the chairman's services in connection with the acquisition of the property and its adaptation to meet the requirements of the County staff.

The Clerk indicated the rooms which had been set aside for the use of the Justice of Peace Clerk and Fiscal, and also the parts which were being at present utilised by members of the County Staff. — *Rooms for J.P. Clerk and Fiscal.*

The meeting agreed, if the Secondary Education Committee so desired, to let to that committee the top flat of the middle house at an annual rent of £60, for the use of the Medical Inspection Department. — *Room for Secondary Education Committee.*

The meeting having agreed that Mr. Duncan M'Intyre, keeper of the County Buildings, be appointed as janitor for the new offices, proceeded to consider the question of his remuneration. After discussion, the meeting remitted to the Chairman and Clerk to fix the remuneration, and also to make an allowance for the work performed by Mr. M'Intyre in connection with the superintendence and repair of the building and the furnishing and internal arrangements. — *Appointment and remuneration of Mr. Duncan M'Intyre, keeper.*

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FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 15th January, 1913, being a Meeting of the Fire Brigade Committee of the County Council of Lanark. — 15th January, 1913.

Present—

John Adam.
J. Raeside Auld.
William Davie.
James H. Fenton.
Alexander Hamilton.
Robert Lambie.
William M. Marshall.
Alexander Mitchell.
William Neilson.
Alexander Pillans.
Robert Sharp.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
Thomas Watt.

Attending—

Captain Despard, Firemaster.

Mr. Neilson was appointed chairman of the meeting. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 25th September, 1912, which had been approved by the County Council on 10th October, having been submitted, were signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

The minutes of meeting of the sub-committee appointed with reference to the proposed rearrangement of the Brigade consequent upon the inclusion of Shettleston and Tollcross within the City of Glasgow, of date 23rd October, 1912, which had been approved by the County Council on 11th December, were submitted, and signed. — *Minutes of sub-committee.*

The Clerk submitted and read to the meeting a letter from Mr. George Fraser, of date 8th November last, intimating his resignation as chairman of the committee. — *Letter from Mr. Fraser intimating his resignation as chairman of the committee.*

On the motion of Mr. Marshall, the meeting agreed to record in the minutes an expression of their appreciation of the services which Mr. Fraser, as chairman of the committee, had rendered to the county in connection with the establishment of the fire brigade, and their thanks for the attention which he had given to the work of the committee.

The meeting having proceeded to appoint a chairman in room of Mr. Fraser, Mr. Neilson moved that Mr. James Hamilton Houldsworth be appointed, which was seconded by Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Hamilton moved that Mr. Fenton be appointed, which was seconded by Mr. Mitchell.

On a vote being taken by way of a show of hands, a majority voted in favour of the appointment of Mr. Houldsworth, and the chairman accordingly declared the same to be carried. — *Mr. Houldsworth appointed chairman of the committee.*

Annual report by Firemaster.

The Firemaster having submitted his Annual Report (Appendix I.), the meeting expressed satisfaction at the good work which had been accomplished, and of the highly efficient manner in which the Firemaster and the members of the Brigades had discharged their several duties.

Periodical report by Foreman.

There was also submitted to the meeting a Report by the Firemaster, together with a record of fires (Appendix II.) which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee.

Telegraph and telephone facilities in outlying villages.

With regard to the provision for coping with outbreaks of fire in outlying villages, Mr. Watt referred to the want of telegraph or telephone facilities at Longriggend and other places in the County.

Sub-committee appointed.

The meeting having taken into consideration the question of the more general provision of telephone connections in districts not now served by the Post Office, agreed that steps be taken with a view to such facilities being provided where possible, and with this object appointed the following sub-committee to consider and report on the matter, viz. :—Mr. Hamilton Houldsworth, chairman of the committee, and Messrs. Auld, Pillans, and Watt,—Mr. Hamilton Houldsworth to be chairman of the sub-committee, and two a quorum.

Uniforms for mechanics.

With reference to the suggestions in the Firemaster's Report that new uniforms should be obtained from time to time for those members of the Brigade who require them, the meeting remitted the matter to the Chairman and Firemaster, with powers.

Mechanics.

The meeting approved of the action of the Firemaster in dismissing the mechanic (Neill) at Lanark, and of the suggestion that the constable who will drive the police char-a-banc now being built should also take charge of and drive the Tender at Cambuslang until it is removed to Bishopbriggs, when some other arrangement can be made. They further authorised payment of allowances of 3s. per week to this constable, and 1s. 6d. per week to an assistant constable.

Fire in Hamilton Burgh.

The Clerk read a letter addressed to the County Firemaster from the Town-Clerk of Hamilton, of date 3rd January, conveying the thanks of the Town Council of Hamilton for the assistance of the County Fire Brigade at the fire in Quarry Street, Hamilton, on 29th December, and their appreciation of the services rendered by the Brigade.

The Clerk having reminded the committee that no arrangement for the services of the County Brigade had been come to with the Burgh of Hamilton, the meeting considered that a charge should be made on the basis of the present arrangement with the Burgh of Motherwell, and instructed that an account be rendered to the Burgh of Hamilton for £15 17s. 7d., being the actual outlays to the county, plus 50 per cent. The Clerk was directed to inform the Town Council that the arrangement on which the present charge was based was made having regard to special circumstances, and that it was accordingly not to be looked upon as the criterion of possible future charges.

Defective water upply at Bellshill

With reference to the suggestion by the Firemaster that the service pipe from the main into the garage at Bellshill should be increased, there was laid before the meeting a plan by Messrs. Cullen, Lochhead, & Brown, Architects, together with an offer by Messrs. Alston & Sons, plumbers, Motherwell, amounting to £21.

The meeting approved of the proposal, and instructed the acceptance of Messrs. Alston & Sons' offer.

Motor bicycle for fire brigade instructor

The meeting, after considering the recommendation of the Firemaster, instructed that a motor bicycle be purchased for the use of the County Fire Brigade Instructor, and authorised the Firemaster to arrange for this.

Provision of water tower.

It was agreed meantime to delay consideration of a suggestion as to the advisability of purchasing a water tower.

Water inspectors to be informed of fires.

The attention of the meeting having been directed to the delay in securing the services of the Water Inspector in connection with the fire at Stepps U.F. Church Hall, on 3rd December, the Firemaster explained the arrangement that existed for securing the early services of such officials, and the reasons that had caused the delay on the occasion referred to.

Claim by Mr. Barrie, Carnwath.

With reference to the claim by Mr. Thomas Barrie, Westfield, Carnwath, in respect of damage alleged to have been caused to a polo-cart belonging to him by one of the fire engines near Braehead on 11th September last, the Clerk reported that, after communicating with the Insurance Company, he had informed Mr. Barrie that the committee denied liability, but, with a view to having the matter disposed of without further trouble, they would, without prejudice, be prepared to make him an *ex gratia* payment of £1 in settlement of the claim, but that no reply had been received from Mr. Barrie.

The meeting agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Clerk.

Local fire appliances at Carluke.

With reference to the provision of local fire appliances at Carluke, the Clerk reported that, along with the Firemaster, he had had a meeting with the Fire Brigade Committee of the Parish Council of Carluke, when, after discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council should reconsider the question, and communicate their views to the County Clerk, with a view to the matter being dealt with by this committee.

Replies from water authorities as to payments to water inspectors.

The Clerk submitted the replies which he had received from the various Water Authorities with regard to the proposal of this committee that Water Inspectors should receive remuneration for extra work performed by them in connection with the County Fire Brigades, and reported that none of the Water Authorities had indicated any objections to the committee's proposal, with the exception of the Corporation of Glasgow, whose arrangement with their Water Foremen covers any services which might be required of them while attending fires within the parts of the County supplied with water by the Glasgow Corporation.

Architect's account.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting an account, by Messrs. Alexander Cullen, Lochhead, & Brown, Architects, for work done in connection with the Fire Stations at Lanark, Larkhall, and Bellshill, amounting to £173 13s. 6d., £90 of which having been paid to account.

The Clerk having explained that the accounts were made up on the basis of a rate of five per cent. on the cost of the work done, and that this covered the payment of the allowances to the Clerks of Works employed, the meeting approved, and instructed the Clerk, on receiving separate accounts for the work in connection with each of the three stations, to submit the same to the Finance Committee.

APPENDIX I.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

FIRE BRIGADE REPORT, 1912.

Chief Constable's Office,
Hamilton, 7th January, 1913.

To the COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
COUNTY OF LANARK.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my report on the work of the Fire Brigade for the year ending 31st December, 1912, and, for convenience, have tabulated the information I can give. There have been no fires calling for special mention within the county area.

On the 29th December, a serious fire occurred in Hamilton burgh. The Firemaster of the burgh requisitioned the services of the Larkhall and Bellshill Detachments of the Brigade to assist him, and these I sent, but the attendance is not recorded in the tables.

The changes necessitated by the extension of the City of Glasgow boundaries have been reported on by me. For the present, the Shettleston or Lower Ward Detachment of the Brigade is stationed at Cambuslang.

TABLES.

TABLE No. 1.—SHOWING THE STRENGTH, CLASSIFICATION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF BRIGADE, AND NUMBER OF FIRE CALLS ATTENDED FROM EACH STATION, &c.

STATIONS.	Auxiliary.					Permanent.	Total	Number of Fire Calls attended from each Station.	Principal Appliances.					Distance covered by Engines, Work done by Pumps, and Petrol consumed.				
	Members of Constabulary.				Civilians.													
	Firemaster.	Instructor.	Clerk.	Firemen.	Firemen.	Mechanics.			Motor Fire Pumps.	Motor Fire Tender.	Hand Hose Carts.	Suction Hose Length, in Feet.	Canvas and other Hose, in Feet.	Engine runs to Fires. Mileage.	Engine runs to Practice, &c.—Mileage.	Pumps working at Fires.—Hours.	Pumps working at Practice.—Hours.	Petrol consumed, in Gallons.
Headquarters, Hamilton, ...	1	1	1	2	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shettleston, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	50	243	18	...	210
Larkhall, ...	...	...	...	10	5	1	16	16	1	...	...	94	3300	119	176	12	9	235
Lanark, ...	...	...	...	6	5	1	12	10	1	...	...	80	3300	177	251	20	5	256
Bellshill, ...	...	...	...	10	4	1	15	33	1	...	...	40	3300	236	33	7	2	146
Cambuslang, ...	...	...	...	12	3	1	16	23	*1	...	...	40	3300	43	2	6	½	38
Biggar (Sub-Station), ...	...	...	...	2	3	...	5	...	...	1	...	...	2800	20	957	...	...	243
East Kilbride do., ...	...	...	...	1	3	...	4	2	...	...	1	...	700	...	...	...	...	...
									...	...	1	...	420	...	...	...	...	...
Totals, ...	1	1	1	43	23	4	73	100	4	1	2	254	17120	645	1662	63	16½	1128

* The Motor Pump at Cambuslang, and appliances in connection with it, were transferred from Shettleston on 1st November. Some of the firemen in Shettleston were transferred to Cambuslang at the same time, the remainder were struck off the strength of the establishment.

TABLE No. 2.—Description of Premises in which Fires occurred and Number of Fires.

Description of Premises.	No. of Fires.	Description of Premises.	No. of Fires.
Blacksmith's shop, ...	1	Brought forward, ...	74
Bottle store, ...	1	Meal mill, ...	1
Bakehouse, ...	1	Motor vehicle, ...	1
Church halls, ...	3	Oil stores, ...	2
Chemist's shop, ...	1	Outhouses (miscellaneous), ...	2
Dwelling-houses, ...	38	Post office, ...	1
Drysalter's shop, ...	1	Pithead scaffoldings, ...	2
Draper's shop, ...	1	Pavilion of cricket club, ...	1
Enginehouses, ...	2	Studio, ...	1
Electricity station, ...	1	Stationers' shops, ...	2
Farm barns and byres, ...	2	Store of public work, ...	1
Farmers' dwelling-houses, ...	2	Stables and van sheds, ...	2
Fried fish shop, ...	1	Telephone exchange, ...	1
Grocers' shops, ...	2	Tar cooling pond, ...	1
Hay in farmers' sheds, ...	8	Villas, ...	7
Hay and straw in rick, ...	8	Waste paper in factory, ...	1
Mansion house, ...	1		
Carry forward, ...	74	Total, ...	100

TABLE No. 3.—Cause of Fires.

Cause of Fires.	No. of Fires.	Cause of Fires.	No. of Fires.
Burning fire on hearth, ...	1	Brought forward, ...	56
Boiling fat ignited, ...	1	Naphtha exploded, ...	1
Careless handling of lights, ...	12	Overheating of flues, etc., ...	12
Chimneys on fire, ...	15	Paraffin oil lamp exploded, ...	1
Children with lights, ...	10	Petrol ignited off lamp flame,	1
Defective construction, ...	10	Sparks from open fires, ...	8
Fused electric wires, ...	2	Sparks from locomotives, ...	3
Gas explosion, ...	1	Spontaneous combustion, ...	1
Gas jet in contact, ...	2	Unknown, ...	15
Hot cinders, ...	2	Wilful, ...	2
Carry forward, ...	56	Total, ...	100

TABLE No. 4.—Number of Men attending Fires.

No. of Men attending Fires.	No. of Fires.	No. of Men attending Fires.	No. of Fires.
Attended by 1 man, ...	1	Brought forward, ...	46
,, 3 men, ...	4	Attended by 7 men, ...	35
,, 4 men, ...	5	,, 8 men, ...	17
,, 5 men, ...	11	,, 9 men, ...	2
,, 6 men, ...	25		
Carry forward, ...	46	Total, ...	100

TABLE No. 5.—Number and Description of Appliances used to extinguish Fires.

Buckets of water, ...	31 Fires	Brought forward, ...	76 Fires
Chemical extinguishers, ...	10 ,,	6 100 ft. lengths of hose, ...	6 ,,
Cutting burning joist, ...	1 ,,	7 ,, ,, ...	4 ,,
Smothering with sand, ...	1 ,,	8 ,, ,, ...	4 ,,
1st aid tank on engine, ...	8 ,,	9 ,, ,, ...	2 ,,
1 100 ft. length of hose, ...	4 ,,	10 ,, ,, ...	2 ,,
2 ,, ,, ...	7 ,,	12 ,, ,, ...	1 ,,
3 ,, ,, ...	7 ,,	13 ,, ,, ...	3 ,,
4 ,, ,, ...	4 ,,	15 ,, ,, ...	1 ,,
5 ,, ,, ...	3 ,,	16 ,, ,, ...	1 ,,
Carry forward, ...	76 Fires	Total, ...	100 Fires*

* 20 extinguished by motor pump. 29 direct from hydrant through standpipe.

TABLE No. 6.—Monthly Summary of Fires, and amount of Damage Done in each Month.

MONTH.	FIRES.	DAMAGE.	MONTH.	FIRES.	DAMAGE.
January, ...	10	£1,782 15 6	Brought forward,	58	£8,003 15 6
February, ...	7	161 15 0	August, ...	3	92 0 0
March, ...	9	273 10 0	September, ...	11	926 15 0
April, ...	9	1,368 15 0	October, ...	8	211 0 0
May, ...	7	3,421 10 0	November, ...	8	168 0 0
June, ...	6	342 0 0	December, ...	12	2,706 0 0
July, ...	10	653 10 0			
Carry forward, ...	58	£8,003 15 6	Total, ...	100	£12,107 10 6

H. J. DESPARD, Captain,
County Firemaster.

APPENDIX II.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

Chief Constable's Office,
Hamilton, 10th January, 1913.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit a statement showing the fires that have occurred since your last meeting up to 31st December, 1912. *Reports.*

I also submit a statement of the work done by the Brigade during the year 1912.

The question of the provision of fire appliances at outlying villages has again been brought under my notice. No doubt, where there is an adequate supply of gravitation water with good pressure, an equipped hose-cart might be of service in dealing with small outbreaks, if the prompt attendance of the firemen can be depended upon. It is difficult to suggest utilising constables for these Brigades, as when a fire breaks out constables are nearly always urgently required to keep order and to prevent thieving. *Village appliances.*

The firemen's uniform has now been worn for two years, and although the jackets are nearly all fit for wear, the trousers are mostly worn out. I beg to suggest that new trousers and jackets be obtained for those members of the brigade who require them. I think it is more economical getting new uniforms as required than having a regular fixed issue. Some of the fire sections—such as Lanark, Biggar, and East Kilbride—will not require new clothing so often as the others. *Firemen's uniform.*

I have been obliged to dismiss the mechanic (Neill) employed at Lanark for disobedience of orders, and have transferred the mechanic (Duff), who had charge of the tender at Cambuslang, to take charge of the engine at Lanark. With your approval I do not propose to engage another mechanic at present, as I think the constable who will drive the Police Char-a-banc now being built should be able to also look after and drive the tender at Cambuslang, until the tender is removed to Bishopbriggs, when some other arrangement can be made. I have suggested to the Standing Joint-Committee that this constable should receive an allowance of 3s., and an assistant constable 1s. 6d. per week. *Mechanic dismissed.*

These allowances should, I think, be paid through the Fire Brigade account, as the wages, &c., of a mechanic are saved by the arrangement.

On 29th December, 1912, the services of the County Fire Brigade Detachments from Larkhall and Bellshill were requested to assist the Hamilton Burgh Brigade at an extensive fire in the burgh. *Fire in Hamilton Burgh.*

I beg to hand in a letter which I have received from the Town-Clerk of Hamilton.

The actual cost for wages, petrol, &c., for the two Detachments attending the fire amounts to £10 11s. 9d.

I shall be glad if you will let me know what charge I should make to the Burgh of Hamilton.

The arrangement with the Burgh of Motherwell is, that the burgh is to be charged for each call, the actual outlays to the county plus 50 per cent., with a minimum per call of £5.

I think it only right to point out that, in my opinion, such a charge is inadequate, having in view the wear and tear of material and the annual cost of the upkeep and training of your Brigade.

The service water-pipe, from the main into the garage at Bellshill, is only a 1-inch pipe, and the supply of water got from that pipe is totally inadequate for the purpose of washing hose. To be of real service the pipe would require to be increased to a 3-inch one, with a water meter of corresponding capacity. I beg to hand in an estimate showing the cost of making the alteration. The County Architect considers the estimate a reasonable one. *Defective water supply to garage at Bellshill.*

I beg to suggest that a Motor Bicycle should be purchased for the use of the County Fire Brigade Instructor. At present this officer wastes a great deal of time in going to and from drills, and finds it almost impossible to attend fires, as he has no means of getting to them. *Motor bicycle.*

I have the honour to be,
GENTLEMEN,
Your obedient Servant,
H. J. DESPARD, *Captain,*
Firemaster.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS,
FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE.

RECORD OF FIRES ATTENDED BY THE BRIGADE FOR PERIOD

No.	Station Called.	Date and Hour of Call.	No. of Firemen (Police and Civilians) who answered.	Distance from Station to Fire.	Time of Arrival at Fire.	Class of Premises on Fire. Address and Name of Occupier.	Supposed Cause of Fire.
1	Bellshill, -	Sept. 20, 6.55 p.m.,	Police 3, Civilians 4,	300 yards,	3 min. from call,	William Monteith's drapery shop, 227 Main Street, Bellshill,	Lighted taper accidentally in contact with goods,
2	Shettleston,	Sept. 22, 1.40 a.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 2,	2 miles,	10 min. from call,	Hay in a shed at Springhill Farm, Baillieston, occupied by John Findlay,	Lighted match thrown down carelessly,
3	Larkhall, -	Sept. 26, 12.38 p.m.,	Police 6, Civilian 1,	¼ mile,	5 min. from call,	Roofs of dwelling-houses occupied by James Colvin and James Low, miners, Raploch Street, Larkhall,	Defective chimney which was on fire,
4	Larkhall, -	Sept. 27, 11.16 a.m.,	Police 6, Civilian 1,	770 yards,	5 min. from call,	Chimney of dwelling-house at 86 Wellgate Street, occupied by Mrs. Kilpatrick, widow,	Filthy chimney,
5	Shettleston,	Sept. 29, 10.35 a.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 2,	½ mile,	7 min. from call,	Flooring of dwelling-house of John Beaton, at 186 Main Street, Shettleston,	Chimney on fire ignited a wooden dook in wall,
6	Bellshill, -	Sept. 29, 11.40 p.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 3,	6 miles,	30 min. from call,	Outhouses at Whitehill Farm, Cleland, belonging to D. & W. Gibson, farmers,	Unknown
7	Bellshill, -	Sept. 30, 6.45 p.m.,	Police 4, Civilians 3,	450 yards,	5 min. from call,	Moss litter in a shed belonging to Richard Marshall & Co., Ltd., bakers, Bellshill,	Unknown,
8	Shettleston,	Oct. 4, 6.33 p.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 2,	2½ miles,	12 min. from call,	Carmyle Grain Mill, John Graham, tenent,	Overheated shaft.
9	Shettleston,	Oct. 8, 6.11 p.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 2,	Brigade ca fire.	ncelled befo A constable	re leaving station. False al opened the damper.	arm. Girl lit fire
10	Bellshill, -	Oct. 12, 1.22 p.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 4,	3½ miles,	13 min. from call,	Hay rick, property of Andrew Buchanan, Newarthill,	Boys with matches,
11	Lanark, -	Oct. 14, 2.37 a.m.,	Police 4, Civilians 4,	12 miles,	33 min. from call,	Hay ricks at Benthead Farm, Auchengray, belonging to Jas. Purdie and Charles Dick, farmer,	Believed tramps with matches,
12	E. Kilbride,	Oct. 15, 1.43 p.m.,	Police 1, Civilians 3,	130 yards,	7 min. from call,	Dwelling-house of William Babes, Torrance Square, East Kilbride,	Defective chimney on fire,
13	Bellshill, -	Oct. 17, 6.57 p.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 3,	4 miles,	12 min. from call,	Stable and shed belonging to R. & J. Templeton, grocers, 114 Glasgow Road, Blantyre,	Burning match dropped in straw,

FIRE BRIGADE.

OF FIFTEEN WEEKS ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1912.

Estimated Value of Property on Fire (Building and Contents).	Estimated Value of Property Destroyed.	By what means was the Fire extinguished?	No. of Hydrants in use.	No. of Lengths of Hose in use.	Was the Water Pressure satisfactory?	Return of Engine and Firemen to Station.	REMARKS.
£2,000	£1 15	Removing goods,	...	...	...	7.10 p.m.	
500	350	Pumping water from a burn 130 yards off,	...	Eight,	...	11 a.m.	
400	10	Water from street hydrant,	One,	Three,	Yes,	1.33 p.m.	
130	Nil.	Water from 1st aid tank on fire engine,	...	...	...	11.52 a.m.	
800	2	Water pumped from street hydarant,	One,	Three,	Yes,	12 noon	
150	150	Water from street hydrant,	One,	Three,	Yes,	4 a.m.	Brigade went off the way to farm.
30	3	Water from street hydrant,	One,	Two,	Yes,	7.20 p.m.	
1,200	30	Water from street hydrant,	One,	Two,	Yes,	7.55 p.m.	
in grate with	damper closed.	People outside o	n seeing roo	m full of sm	oke thought	house on	
15	15	Pails of water and turning over the hay,	...	...	...	2.15 p.m.	
178	119	Pails of water and pulling down stacks,	...	...	...	...	
400	5	Pails of water,	...	...	...	3.35 p.m.	
20	20	Water from street hydrant,	One,	Five,	Yes,	8.45 p.m.	

No.	Station Called.	Date and Hour of Call.	No. of Firemen (Police and Civilians) who answered.	Distance from Station to Fire.	Time of Arrival at Fire.	Class of Premises on Fire. Address and Name of Occupier.	Supposed Cause of Fire.
14	Cambuslang.	Oct. 25, 11.26 a.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 1,	400 yards,	6 min. from call,	A chimney was on fire at saw it, thought the buil	37 Main Street, C ding was on fire, ca
15	Cambuslang,	Oct. 27, 10.50 p.m.,	Police 4, Civilians 3,	1 mile,	9 min. from call,	Villa belonging to William Bennett, Whitefield Avenue, Cambuslang,	Overheated hearth,
16	Bellshill, -	Oct. 31st, 7.15 p.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 2,	1 mile,	5 min. from call,	Dwelling-house of R. Douglas, Campbell's Land, Clydesdale Road, Mossend,	Lighted match in contact with window curtains,
17	Cambuslang,	Nov. 1st, 6.9 p.m.,	Police 4, Civilians 3,	3½ mile,	11 min. from call,	Wooden scaffolding and oil barrels at Frankfield, Brickworks, Shettleston,	Oil accidently set on fire,
18	Cambuslang,	Nov. 4th, 7.22 p.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 3,	3 miles,	10 min. from call,	A chimney at 252 Old called the Brigade.	Shettleston Road
19	Bellshill, -	Nov. 14th, 1.44 p.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 1,	4½ miles,	14 min. from call,	Villa belonging to John P. M'Caffrie, in Blantyre Avenue, Blantyre,	Spark from kitchen range,
20	Cambuslang,	Nov. 17th, 10.56 a.m.,	Police 6, Civilians 3,	9 miles,	20 min. from call,	Hay stack at high Possil Farm, belonging to R. & J. Clark,	Unknown,
21	Cambuslang,	Nov. 22nd, 12.53 p.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 1,	500 yards,	5 min. from call,	Telephone Exchange Office in 1 Morriston Street, Street, Cambuslang,	Defectivechimney which was on fire,
22	Cambuslang,	Nov. 23rd, 10.33 p.m.,	Police 3, Civilians 3,	¼ mile,	7 min. from call,	A chimney of a dwelling-	house at 32 Hamil the Brigade, who
23	Cambuslang,	Nov. 24th, 1.5 p.m.,	Police 4, Civilians 1,	½ mile,	7 min. from call,	Miner's house at 19 Glasgow Road, Cambuslang. Hugh Kelty, occupier,	Spark from kitchen fire,
24	Cambuslang,	Nov. 30th, 8.35 p m.,	Police 3, Civilians 2,	Cancelled leaving	before Station,	Dwelling-house of Mrs. Hanen, 164 Main Street, Baillieston,	Burning match thrown down.
25	Cambuslang,	Dec. 1st, 2.55 a.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 2,	½ mile,	7 min. from call,	Vestry and Hall of Established Church, Glasgow Road, Cambuslang,	Overheated flue,
26	Bellshill, -	Dec. 3rd, 3.54 a.m.,	Police 4, Civilians 3,	2 miles,	11 min. from call,	Villa and furniture occupied by Wm. Grant, commercial traveller, Fallside Road, Bothwell,	Overheated flue,
27	Cambuslang,	Dec. 3rd, 7.15 a.m.,	Police 4, Civilians 2,	6 miles,	17 min. from call,	U.F. Church Hall at Stepps,	Overheated gas radiator,
28	Larkhall, -	Dec. 5th, 1.30 p.m.,	Police 7,	4½ miles,	15 min. from call,	Chimney of house in centre roof was on fire. On arri	of Row of miner's val of Brigade it
29	Bellshill, -	Dec. 5th, 2.40 p.m.,	Police 6, Civilians 1,	½ mile,	5 min. from call,	Kitchen of fried fish shop in Calder Road, Mossend, occupied by Carl Zamborina,	Boiling fat caught fire,
30	Bellshill, -	Dec. 8th, 4.32 p.m.,	Police 4, Civilians 3,	3½ miles,	13 min. from call,	Tar ponds at Calder Ironworks, Wm. Dixon, Ltd.	Spontaneous combustion,

Estimated Value of Property on Fire (Building and Contents).	Estimated Value of Property Destroyed.	By what means was the Fire extinguished?	No. of Hydrants in use.	No. of Lengths of Hose in use.	Was the Water Pressure satisfactory?	Return of Engine and Firemen to Station.	Remarks.
ambuslang, fr	om which den	se volumes of smok	e filled the	tenement st	aircase. A	constable	
lled the briga	de.						
£850	£5	Chemical extinguisher.	...	...	...	11.34 p.m.	
200	17	Pails of water,	...	...	...	7.28 p.m.	
3,000	60	Water from hydrant,	One,	One,	Yes,	7.30 p.m.	
had been on	fire for a con	siderable time, and	a neighbou	r fearing th	e Building	was on fire	
2,000	50	Water from engine tank,	...	...	...	2.55 p.m.	
1,000	50	Pumping water from hydrant,	One,	Seven,	No,	5.20 p.m.	
2,000	2	Water from tank on fire tender,	...	...	...	1.55 p.m.	
ton Road, Ca	mbuslang, had	been on fire for ov	er an hour.	A neighbou	r who saw	smoke get-	
dampeddown	the fire.						
500	£1	Buckets of water,	...	...	...	1.17 p.m.	
500	6	Buckets of water,	...	...	...	...	
6,000	350	Water from street hydrant,	One,	Three,	Yes,	4.48 a.m.	
1,100	450	Water from street hydrant,	One,	Six,	Yes,	7.10 a.m.	
1,500	1,500	Water from street hydrant,	Two,	Thirteen,	No,	1.5 p.m.	
houses was on	fire and smok	e was seen to come	from under	the slates.	It was tho	ught the	
was found no	damage was	done.					
1,030	25	Water from street hydrant,	One,	Two,	Yes,	3.15 p.m.	
£2,000	70	Water pumped from a hydrant and River Calder,	One,	Thirteen,	No,	8 p.m.	

No.	Station Called.	Date and Hour of Call.	No. of Firemen (Police and Civilians) who answered.	Distance from Station to Fire.	Time of Arrival at Fire.	Class of Premises on Fire; Address and Name of Occupier.	Supposed Cause of Fire.
31	Bellshill, -	Dec. 9th, 5.49 p.m.,	Police 5, Civilians 2, ...	2 miles,	9 min. from call,	22 tons of hay in an open shed at Thomas Reid's, Townhead Farm, Tannochside,	Children with matches,
32	Bellshill, -	Dec. 10th, 9.3 a.m.,	Police 6, Civilian 1,	100 yards,	2 min. from call,	Bedclothes in house at 332 Main Street, Bellshill, and occupied by John Black,	Child with burning paper,
33	Larkhall, -	Dec. 10th, 12.36 p.m.,	Police 6, Civilian 1,	½ mile,	6 min. from call,	Roof of house in Percy Street, Larkhall, occupied by Walter Cleghorn, miner,	Chimney on fire,
34	Larkhall, -	Dec. 11th, 7.34 a.m.,	Police 7,	7 miles,	21 min. from call,	Motor lorry and load of straw in garage at Newmains, belonging to Clydesdale Carriers,	Vapour off petrol, ignited by lamp
35	Larkhall, -	Dec. 23rd, 3.37 p.m.,	Police 6,	2 miles,	13 min. from call,	Stable and hay-shed Cornsilloch Colliery, Dalserf, owned by The Darngavil Coal Company,	Fusing of electric wire,
36	Larkhall, -	Dec. 29th, 10.12 p.m.,	Police 3, Civilians 4,	3½ miles,	13 min. from call,	Shops and other business premises in Quarry Street, Hamilton,	
37	Bellshill, -	Dec. 29th, 10.40 p.m.,	Police 3, Civilians 3,	3½ miles,	15 min. from call,	Do.	do.
	Larkhall, -	Dec. 31st, 6.23 p.m.,	Police 4, Civilians 4,	½ mile,	6 min. from call,	One-roomed dwelling-house, occupied by R. Ferguson, cobbler, 104 Raploch Street,	Gas jet in contact with wood.

Estimated Value of Property on Fire (Building and Contents).	Estimated Value of Property Destroyed.	By what means was the Fire extinguished?	No. of Hydrants in use.	No. of Lengths of Hose in use.	Was the Water Pressure satisfactory?	Return of Engine and Firemen to Station.	Remarks.
£120	£90	Water from street hydrant,	One,	Sixteen	Yes,	12 mid.	
250	10s.	Buckets of water.	...	...	...	9.10 a.m	
200	20s.	Buckets of water,	...	..	...	1.33 p.m.,	
650	£100	Water from hydrant,	One,	One,	Yes,	9.17 a.m.,	
360	60	Water pumped from pond,	...	Six,	...	6.35 p.m.	
			Four,	Seventeen	No,	4.50 a.m.,	Called to assist Hamilton Burgh Brigade, which was unable to cope with fire.
do.			Two,	Seventeen	No,	4.39 a.m.	Pumps worked for three hours from hydrant.
£500	10s.	Buckets of water,	...	...	...	6.55 p.m.,	

H. J. DESPARD, *Captain*,
Firemaster.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COMMITTEE ON COURT HOUSES AND COUNTY BUILDINGS AT LANARK.

At LANARK, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Monday, 20th January, 1913, being a meeting of the Committee of the County Council of Lanark appointed with reference to the Court Houses and County Buildings at Lanark. — 20th January, 1913,

Present—

James H. Fenton.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
Colonel Logan.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart, M.V.O.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.

Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., in the Chair. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 18th March, 1912, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

Under reference to the minutes of the joint meeting, of date 18th March last, the Clerk reported the acceptance by Mr. William Veitch of the position of caretaker of the Court Houses and County Buildings, on the terms and conditions therein stated. — *Acceptance of Mr. Wm. Veitch of appointment as caretaker.*

The Clerk reported that he had arranged to take over certain articles and cleaning materials from Mrs. Derrick, amounting to £1 4s., and the meeting approved — *Cleaning materials, &c., and overhauling of heating apparatus.*

He also stated that he had authorised the purchase of the materials required by the new caretaker, and referred to in an account from Mr. James Stark, Ironmonger, Lanark, amounting to £3 1s. 7d., and also the overhauling of the hot water and heating apparatus by Messrs. Chas. Ritchie & Co., Edinburgh, the cost of which amounted to £1 2s. 9d. The meeting approved.

The meeting having taken into consideration the matter of the provision of further safe accommodation for the Sheriff Clerk, it was agreed that possibly the best way of providing this would be to utilise the rooms presently occupied by the caretaker, which could be easily adapted for the purpose, and that a house (consisting of a sitting room and kitchen, two good sized attic bedrooms, bathroom, &c.) be built for the caretaker at the rear of the buildings, or that some house in the vicinity be taken on lease. — *Provision of further safe accommodation for Sheriff Clerk.*

To enable the Committee to determine which was the better alternative, it was agreed to instruct Messrs. Traill & Stewart, Architects, Lanark, to prepare plans showing how the accommodation for the caretaker could be provided, and the Clerk was asked to communicate with Messrs. Traill & Stewart, the understanding being that they should be paid a fee not exceeding 5 guineas for the preparation of the plans and relative report, but that in the event of it being agreed to proceed with the erection of of a house, and of Messrs. Traill & Stewart being employed as architects in connection therewith, the fee for the preparation of the plans and report should be covered by the fee to be paid to them in connection with the erection of the house. — *Agreed to employ Messrs. Traill and Stewart, Architects.*

Remit to sub-committee.

The meeting remitted to a sub-committee consisting of Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., Colonel Logan and Mr. Fenton, to confer with the Clerk and Architects in the event of any question arising which called for further instructions.

Repainting of window sashes and repair of stone-work.—Remit to sub-committee.

The attention of the committee having been directed to the need for the repainting of the window sashes, and also to the condition of the stone, which was showing signs of wear, it was agreed to remit the matter to the above sub-committee with powers to order any painting that may be considered necessary, and to report on the condition of the stone-work and as to anything requiring to be done in connection therewith.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 22nd January, 1913, being a Meeting of the Weights and Measures Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 22nd January, 1913.

Present—

W. W. Chapman.
Alexander Hamilton.
Robert Lambie.
William Love.
James Prentice.
Gavin A. Shanks.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
James Tonner.

Attending—

Edmund Donald, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Mr. Tonner, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 27th November, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting the reports of the Inspectors for the months of November and December (Appendices I. and II.), a summary of each of which had been sent to each member of the committee. *Inspectors' monthly reports.*

The Clerk submitted a note of the salaries of the Inspectors and of the wages of the Inspectors' Assistants, payment of which was authorised by the committee, subject to being passed by the Finance Committee, viz. :— *Inspectors' salaries, &c.*

Inspectors' Salaries to 15th February.

Chief Inspector, ...	£10	0	0
Inspector Chrystal, ...	12	10	0
Inspector Mitchell, ...	12	10	0
Inspector Paterson, ...	11	13	4
	£46	13	4

Inspectors' Assistants' Wages to 11th January.

Chief Inspector, ...	£6	8	0
Inspector Mitchell, ...	5	4	0
Inspector Paterson, ...	5	12	0
	17	4	0
	£63	17	4

Inspectors' expenses, &c.

The meeting also passed for payment the following sums in respect of Inspectors expenses, &c., viz. :—

Inspectors' Expenses to 15th January.

Chief Inspector, ...	£3 12 10
Inspector Chrystal, ...	4 9 2
Inspector Mitchell, ...	7 12 6
Inspector Paterson, ...	7 6 0
	£23 0 6

Applications by Inspectors Chrystal and Mitchell for increase of salary.

There were submitted to the meeting applications by Messrs. Robert Chrystal and Andrew Mitchell, Inspectors of Weights and Measures for Nos. 2 and 3 districts respectively, for an increase of salary.

As relative thereto the Clerk laid before the meeting a statement containing information as to the periods of service of the inspectors, and of the increases which had been granted to them from time to time.

Clerk instructed to obtain information from certain other local authorities.

The meeting agreed to continue the applications for further consideration, and meantime instructed the Clerk to obtain information from other local authorities on the subject.

Letter from Chief Inspector for allowance in lieu of office rent.

The Clerk submitted a letter which he had received from Mr. Donald, the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, making a request for an allowance in lieu of office rent in respect of the use of part of his house as an office. The meeting, after consideration, agreed to grant an allowance of £5 per annum.

Administration of Acts within certain burghs.

It was remitted to the Clerk to communicate with the Authorities of certain Burghs in the County in which the administration of the Weights and Measures Acts were administered by the County Inspectors, with a view to the renewal of the authority to the Inspectors acting therein.

APPENDIX I.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTORS' REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER, 1912.

VERIFICATION WORK.

DISTRICT.	Number of Weights, &c., Submitted.	CORRECT.			STAMPED.			ADJUSTED.		REJECTED.		
		Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 1, ...	746	33	3	—	613	—	82	613	—	11	—	4
„ 2, ...	395	40	9	4	299	6	18	299	1	14	2	3
„ 3, ...	280	—	—	—	243	22	13	243	2	1	—	1
„ 4, ...	18	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	3

OUTDOOR INSPECTION.

DISTRICT.	Number of Visits.	Number of Weights, &c., Examined.	CORRECT.			INCORRECT.		
			Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 2, ...	*173	1,002	22	676	118	135	29	22
No. 3, ...	206	4,869	1,425	3,195	230	6	8	5
No. 4, ...	*40	42	—	—	39	—	—	3

* Of these 35 and 37 were Collieries.

FEES.

DISTRICT.	Stamping.	Adjusting.	Total.
No. 1, ...	£8 12 6½	£4 8 11	£13 1 5½
„ 2, ...	10 15 1½	2 11 4	13 6 5½
„ 3, ...	2 9 8½	2 3 10½	4 13 7
„ 4, ...	5 17 3	—	5 17 3
	£27 14 7½	£9 4 1½	£36 18 9

BURGH POLICE (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1892.

No. 2 District.—Articles made up for sale were weighed or measured in 28 shops.
No 3 Do. Do. do. do. 60 do.

22nd January, 1913.

APPENDIX II.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTORS' REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1912.

Verification Work.

District.	Number of Weights, &c., submitted.	Correct.			Stamped.			Adjusted.		Rejected.		
		Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 1,	399	25	3	8	351	—	—	351	—	1	—	1
„ 2,	1,310	169	32	12	1,126	29	13	1,126	27	8	6	5
„ 3,	604	32	10	4	482	39	24	482	4	8	1	4
„ 4,	595	28	8	8	520	4	19	520	3	8	—	8

Fees.

District.	Stamping.	Adjusting.	Total.
No. 1, ...	£1 5 3	£2 9 9½	£3 15 0½
„ 2, ...	8 16 3½	9 1 9½	17 18 1
„ 3, ...	3 19 6½	3 10 5½	7 10 0
„ 4, ...	10 11 11½	4 10 10½	15 2 10
	£24 13 0½	£19 12 11	£44 5 11½

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COPY LETTER FROM THE CLERK TO THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE LOWER WARD TO THE COUNTY CLERK.

15 West George Street,
GLASGOW, *17th January*, 1913.

DEAR SIR,

I submitted your letter of the 12th ultimo, stating that the County Council at their meeting on the 11th ultimo, agreed not to approve of the salary of the District Clerk and Treasurer as fixed by the District Committee, to the last meeting of the District Committee, and I annex an excerpt from the minutes of their Meeting of new fixing the salary as therein mentioned, and I shall be glad if you will submit the matter to the next meeting of the County Council with the view to their approving of the salary as fixed by the District Committee.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) JAMES A. M'CALLUM.

ANNEXATION REFERRED TO.

A letter of date 12th ultimo, from Mr. Thomas Munro, County Clerk, was submitted, stating that the County Council, at their meeting on 11th ultimo, agreed not to approve of the salary of the Clerk and Treasurer as fixed by the District Committee.

The Chairman suggested that the matter should be considered in private, and after members had expressed their views, Mr. Auld moved that the matter be considered in public, which was seconded by Mr. Davie.

The Chairman moved as an amendment that the matter be considered in private, which was seconded by Mr. Christie, and the amendment and motion being put to the vote, seven voted for the amendment and two for the motion, and the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

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The reporters and officials having withdrawn, the meeting, in obedience to the remit from the County Council, proceeded to reconsider the question of the salary of the District Clerk and Treasurer. After members had severally expressed their views and full consideration of the whole circumstances, the meeting being satisfied that, notwithstanding the effect of the Glasgow Boundaries Act on the Lower Ward, the work of the District Clerk and Treasurer will not be materially reduced, and that it is not practicable to reduce the staff employed by him in the work of the Lower Ward, could not see their way to reduce the salary fixed at last meeting. Accordingly the District Committee of new fixed the salary of the District Clerk and Treasurer at £1050 per annum, to cover the salaries of the staff (which amounts to £650 per annum) and outlays for office rent, taxes, and assessments, heating, lighting, cleaning, and generally all charges for office accommodation (which amount to £150 per annum additional), the salary to be subject to the approval of the County Council, and to be payable half out of Public Health and half out of Highways Assessments.

J. A. M.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COUNTY OFFICES,

HAMILTON, *8th April, 1913.*

SIR,

I am to intimate that a SPECIAL MEETING of the COUNTY COUNCIL of this County will be held within the SHERIFF'S ORDINARY COURT, COUNTY BUILDINGS, GLASGOW (entrance by 40 Wilson Street), *on Wednesday, 16th current, at 2 o'clock afternoon,* for the purpose of receiving a report by the Parliamentary Bills Committee on the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, 1913.

Prints of the minutes of the last meeting of County Council, and of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, will be sent to you before the date of meeting.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD IN THE

SHERIFF'S ORDINARY COURT, COUNTY BUILDINGS, GLASGOW,

ON

WEDNESDAY, 16th APRIL, 1913,

AT 2 O'CLOCK P.M.,

AGENDA.

1. Chair to be taken.

2. Sederunt to be taken.

3. Notice of Meeting to be read.

4. Submit Minutes of Special General Meeting of County Council, of date 29th January, 1913.

5. LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER, 1913--

   Submit Report by Parliamentary Bills Committee, and Minutes of their Meetings from 29th January last to date.

   Instruct as to further action.

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MINUTES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At GLASGOW, and within the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, there, on Wednesday, 29th January, 1913, being a Special General Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark, intimated and called in terms of the Notice hereinafter inserted. 29th January, 1913.

Present—

John Adam.	Colonel Logan.
James Anderson.	William Love.
Thomas Arnot.	D. Kinloch Michie.
J. Raeside Auld.	Alexander R. Mitchell.
William Barr.	Rev. C. M'Kune.
Colonel Buchanan.	William Neilson.
James Cameron.	Alexander Pillans.
W. W. Chapman.	James C. Pollok.
Walter C. B. Christie.	James Prentice.
William Davie.	Gavin A. Shanks.
Sir Nathaniel Dunlop.	William Speirs.
James H. Fenton.	James Steele.
George Fraser.	Colonel King Stewart.
Nathaniel Gold.	William Sym.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Templeton.
J. Hamilton Houldsworth.	John Todd.
John Jackson.	George Stalker.
Robert Lambie.	William L. Dyer.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.	Charles A. Easson.
	James T. Macdonald.

Colonel King Stewart, of Murdostoun, Convener of the County, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk read the notice calling the meeting, which was in the following terms, viz.:— *Notice calling meeting.*

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 18th January, 1913.

Sir,

I am to request your attendance at a Special Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark, to be held within the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, Glasgow (entrance by 40 Wilson Street),

on Wednesday, 29th curt., at Quarter past One o'clock Afternoon, for the purposes, *inter alia,* of considering the undermentioned Provisional Orders or Private Bills, and, if so agreed, resolving:—

(First)—To confirm the resolution passed at the Special General Meeting of the County Council, held on 11th December, 1912, to make application to the Secretary for Scotland for an Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, for the following purposes:—

To authorise the District Committee of the Middle Ward of the County of Lanark to construct additional water-works; to abandon the authorised Glengavel Reservoir; to extend the water-supply limits of the District Committee; to amend the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Acts, 1892 to 1908; to authorise the County Council of the said County to levy assessments and to borrow money; and for other purposes.

(Second)—To oppose the following Provisional Orders or Private Bills, or either of them, viz.:—

(1) Caledonian Railway.—To confer further powers on the Caledonian Railway Company in relation to their undertaking; to extend the periods for the completion of railways and other works, and for the purchase of lands; to transfer to the Company the undertaking of the Bankfoot Light Railway Company; to authorise the Callander and Oban Railway Company to hold and dispose of superfluous lands; to confirm an agreement between the Corporation of Edinburgh, the Company, and the North British Railway Company relative to the Gorgie Markets Branch Railways; and for other purposes;

(2) Airdrie Corporation Gas.—To extend the limits for the supply of gas by and to confer further powers on the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Airdrie in connection with their Gas Undertaking;

of all which Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of the County Councils (Bills in Parliament) Act, 1903, the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, and the Act 35 and 36 Vict., cap. 91.

A print of the Minutes of the Special General Meeting of the Council, held on 11th ultimo, is sent herewith, and a print of the Minutes of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, relative to the above-named Orders or Bills, will be sent to you before the date of meeting.

The meeting may take up any other competent business.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. MUNRO.
County Clerk.

The Clerk also laid before the meeting a copy of the *Glasgow Herald* newspaper, of date 16th current, containing notice of the meeting, as required by statute, the notice being in the following terms, viz.:—

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark, will be held in the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, Glasgow (entrance by 40 Wilson Street), on Wednesday, 29th January, 1913, at Quarter-past One o'clock Afternoon, for the purposes, *inter alia,* of considering the undermentioned Provisional Orders or Private Bills, and, if so agreed, resolving:—

First.—To confirm the resolution passed at the Special General Meeting of the County Council held on 11th December, 1912, to make application to the

Secretary for Scotland for an Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, for the following purposes :—

To authorise the District Committee of the Middle Ward of the County of Lanark to construct additional Waterworks; to abandon the authorised Glengavel Reservoir; to extend the water supply limits of the District Committee; to amend the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Acts, 1892 to 1908; to authorise the County Council of the said County to levy assessments and to borrow money; and for other purposes.

Second.—To oppose the following Provisional Orders or Private Bills, viz. :—

(1) *Caledonian Railway.*—To confer further powers on the Caledonian Railway Company in relation to their undertaking: to extend the periods for the completion of railways and other works, and for the purchase of lands: to transfer to the Company the undertaking of the Bankfoot Light Railway Company; to authorise the Callander and Oban Railway Company to hold and dispose of superfluous lands: to confirm an agreement between the Corporation of Edinburgh, the Company, and the North British Railway Company relative to the Gorgie Markets Branch Railways: and for other purposes.

(2) *Airdrie Corporation Gas.*—To extend the limits for the supply of gas by, and to confer further powers on, the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Airdrie in connection with their Gas Undertaking.

Of all which Notice is hereby given in terms of the provisions of the County Councils (Bills in Parliament) Act, 1903; the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, and the Act 35 and 36 Vict. Cap. 91.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

County Offices, Hamilton,
15th January, 1913.

The minutes of the special general meeting of the County Council held on 11th December, 1912, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council, having been submitted, were, after discussion, approved of as correct, and signed.

The meeting having proceeded to consider the question of confirming the propriety of promoting the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order of 1913, which the Council had at their special meeting on 11th December last resolved to promote, there were laid before the meeting the minutes of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, of dates 8th and 16th January, 1913, containing a report of negotiations with certain objectors to the Order, prints of which had been sent to each member of the Council.

Mr. Fraser moved that the meeting confirm the propriety of promoting the Order, which was seconded by Mr. Lambie.

Mr. Dyer moved, by way of amendment, that it be an instruction to the Parliamentary Bills Committee to accede to the demands of the Town Council of the Burgh of Motherwell, which was seconded by Mr. Easson.

After discussion, and a vote having been taken by way of a show of hands, a majority voted against the amendment, and the Convener accordingly declared the same to be lost.

Mr. Anderson moved, by way of further amendment, that the following clauses of the Order be deleted, viz. :—Clause 34 (Owners to provide and maintain service pipes, &c.), Clause 35 (Definition of supply of water for domestic purposes), and Clause 38 (Amendment of Water Acts as to domestic water rate), and that the powers of assessment should remain as they are under the existing Acts, which was seconded by Mr. Arnot.

After discussion, and a vote having been taken for and against the amendment by calling over the names of the members of the Council present and entitled to vote, there voted for the amendment, the following, viz. :—

John Adam,
James Anderson,
Thomas Arnot,
J. Raeside Auld,
Colonel Buchanan,
W. W. Chapman,
Walter C. B. Christie,
James H. Fenton,
Nathaniel Gold,
J. Hamilton Houldsworth,
John Jackson.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart, M.V.O.,
Colonel Logan,
Alexander R. Mitchell,
Rev. C. M'Kune,
Alexander Pillans,
James Prentice,
James Steele,

being eighteen in all; and against the amendment, the following, viz. :—

William Barr,
James Cameron,
William Davie,
Sir Nathaniel Dunlop,
George Fraser,
Alex. Hamilton,
Robert Lambie,
William Love,
D. Kinloch Michie,
Gavin A. Shanks,
William Sym,
John Todd,
William L. Dyer,

being thirteen in all.

The Convener accordingly declared Mr. Anderson's amendment to be carried.

Mr. Fraser's motion, as amended, was thereafter put to the meeting and agreed to, *nemine contradicente.*

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

REPORT

OF THE

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE

IN REGARD TO

THE LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER, 1913,

TO

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL,

To be held on 16th April, 1913.

The Committee submit herewith prints of the minutes of the meetings of the Committee and its Sub-Committee, from 29th January last, and respectfully recommend that the Council should confirm their proceedings, in so far as these relate to the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.

There are submitted for the information of the Council, Notes on the several Petitions that have been deposited against the Order, and which explain in detail the general objections of the Petitioners.

As will be seen, the Committee are in negotiation with the majority of the Petitioners against the Order, with a view to a friendly settlement of the points of difference, and they hope that, as a result of the negotiations, the matters in dispute will be adjusted with the majority, if not all of the opponents, before the Order comes up for enquiry by the Private Legislation Commissioners. The Inquiry has been fixed to commence on 29th current.

The Committee desire to explain to the Council the action which they have deemed it proper to take in connection with Clause 38 of the Order. That clause, it will be remembered, provided the method in which it was originally contemplated the domestic water rate should be imposed. The Council will recall that, at their meeting on 29th January, a motion was carried that this and certain other clauses (to be hereafter referred to) be not approved.

The decision of the Council has received the careful consideration of the Committee, and has also, as the minutes disclose, been the subject of deliberation by the District Committee of the Middle Ward, who have represented in the matter to the Committee.

As will be seen on reference to the minutes the Committee have made a very careful enquiry into the whole facts bearing on the question. They investigated all the circumstances affecting the financial results of the water scheme proposed by the Order, and having, on the information submitted to them, and on a consideration of all the interests involved, formulated their views on the subject, they felt that the matter was one on which they should ascertain in friendly conference the position of the ratepayers who were substantially interested in the proposals. As will be seen by a reference to the minutes they conferred with representatives of these ratepayers on several occasions and they are glad to say that they were met in a friendly and accommodating spirit. As a result they are now in a position to unanimously recommend the Council to re-insert a modified form of clause 38, which they believe will effect two main objects, viz.:—(1) Afford a substantial annual contribution towards the cost of the proposed new scheme from those classes of ratepayers who have hitherto under the Middle Ward Water Acts and Orders not been called on to make any contribution to the existing scheme, and (2) Effect this arrangement in substantial agreement with the majority of the ratepayers affected and so as to avoid individual hardships and inequalities.

The terms of the arrangement suggested for approval are generally as follows:—

1. That mines and minerals should be assessed at a deduction of 82½ per cent. of the gross valuation instead of at 75 per cent. as originally proposed, and
2. That public works should be assessed at a deduction of 75 per cent. of the gross valuation instead of on their gross valuation, and
3. That the clause as originally proposed should stand as regards other subjects.

The Committee have reason to believe that the proposals they now put forward for the acceptance of the County Council will be acquiesced in by the great majority of the opponents to the rating provisions, and that as regards any who may desire to carry their opposition further, there are good grounds for adhering to what is proposed both in regard to precedent and equity.

Certain minor amendments are proposed on clause 38 so as to secure against double charges for water supplies, but these the Committee need not particularise, as they are in accordance with established practice.

Clause 34 (Compulsory introduction of water into dwelling-houses), it is not proposed to re-insert, and Clause 35 if re-inserted will be modified as far as possible to meet the objections intimated.

The Committee have acted throughout their recent deliberations with associated members of the Middle Ward District Committee, and they repeat their expression of confidence that the arrangement which they recommend is one that should be mutually satisfactory to the County Council and to the important bodies of ratepayers affected, and they express the hope that it will receive the approval of the Council.

GEORGE FRASER, *Chairman of Committee*
THOS. MUNRO, *County Clerk.*

HAMILTON, April, 1913.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 29th January, 1913, being a Meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 29th January, 1913.

Present—

John Adam.	Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
James Anderson.	William Love.
Colonel Buchanan.	William Neilson.
James H. Fenton.	Gavin A. Shanks.
George Fraser.	Colonel King Stewart.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Sym
Robert Lambie.	

William Templeton.

Attending—

The following additional members of the special committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, viz. :—

James Cameron. | James Steele, Senr.

David Thomson.

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee.

Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 16th January, 1913, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved and signed by the chairman. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk reported the proceedings at a meeting of the sub-committee on the Lanark County Tramways Act held this day, all as set forth in the minutes of the sub-committee which form Appendix I. hereto. The meeting approved. *Minutes of Sub-Committee on Lanark County Tramways.*

The Clerk reported that in connection with the promotion of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, compliance with the preliminary General Orders had been proved before the Examiners by the Parliamentary Agents on 23rd current. He also reported that the time for lodging petitions against the Order had expired on 28th instant, and that he had intimation that Petitions had been lodged against the Bill by the following eleven objectors, viz. :— *Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order. — Compliance with General Orders proved. — Petitions lodged against the Bill.*

1. Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Motherwell.
2. Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Hamilton.
3. Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Wishaw.
4. Trustees for the Right Honourable Edward Arthur Baron Colebrooke.

5. Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, K.T., and proprietors of Braidhirst and Milton.
6. Robert Addie & Sons' Collieries, Limited, and other twenty-four owners and lessees of coalfields and other properties.
7. Anderson, Boyes, & Company, Limited, and other sixteen manufacturers and owners.
8. Clyde Valley Electrical Power Company.
9. Lanarkshire Tramways Company.
10. North British Railway Company.
11. Cambuslang Gas Company, Limited.

He anticipated that one or two Petitions would yet be lodged. He had perused the Petitions lodged, but had not had time to prepare a Memorandum regarding their contents before this meeting. On the Clerk's suggestion it was agreed that when all the Petitions against the Order had been lodged he should prepare Notes setting forth the points raised in the various Petitions for the committee's consideration at a future meeting.

Memorandum on points raised by deputations at last meeting.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that the Memorandum dealing with the points raised by the respective deputations received by the committee at their meeting on 16th current had been prepared, and was now in the hands of the members. He suggested that consideration of this Memorandum might be delayed until the Notes regarding the contents of the Petitions had been issued, as certain of the Petitions raised points dealt with in the Memorandum, and that the Memorandum and Notes might then be considered together. The committee approved.

Airdrie Corporation Gas Order.

With reference to the Airdrie Corporation Gas Order, the Clerk intimated that a meeting of the Middle Ward District Committee was to be held to-day to consider this Order, at which meeting representatives from Airdrie Corporation were to be present, and he suggested that, in these circumstances, further consideration of the Order might be conveniently delayed until the views of the District Committee were laid before this committee. The committee approved.

Caledonian Railway Order.—Protective clauses to be inserted.

The Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place between the Solicitor of the Caledonian Railway Company, the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee, and himself, regarding the insertion in the Provisional Order being promoted this session by the Caledonian Railway Company of clauses for the protection of the County Authorities. As a result of that meeting an undertaking to insert clauses in terms approved by Mr. Whyte and himself had been given by the Solicitor of the Caledonian Railway Company, and in these circumstances it had not been necessary to lodge a Petition against the Order.

Proposed extension of Burgh of Renfrew

There was submitted the following letter from the Town-Clerk of Renfrew, viz. :—

"Town-Clerk Office,
"Renfrew, 21st January, 1913.

"DEAR SIR,

"BOUNDARIES.

"I shall be glad if you could arrange for a meeting of your committee with my sub-committee to discuss proposals to include within the boundaries of the Burgh of Renfrew that detached portion of the County of Lanark lying between the eastern boundaries of the Burgh and the extended boundary of the City of Glasgow.

"Yours faithfully,

(Signed) "ANDREW R. HARPER.

"THOMAS MUNRO, Esq.,
"County Clerk,
"Hamilton."

29th January, 1913.

In this connection the Clerk explained that under the recent Glasgow Boundaries Act the whole of the South Govan District had been annexed to the City of Glasgow, with the exception of the small portion comprising the lands of Deanside. These lands were purely agricultural, and the Electoral Division had practically disappeared, as there were only six County electors left in the County area.

The Clerk reminded the committee that in 1898 the Burgh of Renfrew had proposed to annex these lands or parts of them under a Bill which was being promoted that session for the purpose of obtaining power to form a dock, but that the Bill had been dropped. Various negotiations had subsequently taken place between the Burgh of Renfrew and the County Council, as a result of which it had been practically agreed that this area should be ceded to the Burgh of Renfrew provided suitable terms could be adjusted.

Sub-Committee appointed.

The committee agreed to remit to a sub-committee to meet representatives of the Burgh of Renfrew to discuss the proposal, and to report. The following sub-committee was appointed:—The Convener, Vice-Convener, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Speirs, with Mr. Michie.

29th January, 1913.

APPENDIX I.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON LANARK COUNTY TRAMWAYS.

29th January, 1913. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 29th January, 1913, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark appointed in connection with the Lanark County Tramways Act, 1912.

Present—

George Fraser. | Robert Lambie.
Alexander Hamilton. | William Neilson.
William Templeton.

Attending—

Mr. G. F. Möller, Manager of the Lanarkshire Tramways Company.

Chairman. Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the sub-committee, of date 8th January, 1913, which had been submitted to and approved by the Parliamentary Bills Committee, were laid before the meeting and signed.

Terms of contract adjusted, except allowance for maintenance. The Clerk reported that since last meeting he had been in correspondence with the British Thomson-Houston Company, Limited, and the Lanarkshire Tramways Company, and had been able to arrange all the points of difference which had emerged in the course of adjusting the terms of the contract for the new tramways other than the question of the allowance to be made to the contractors for maintenance. He reminded the sub-committee of their decision on this point at last meeting, and stated that he had understood that the concession then made would meet the contractors' views. From the correspondence which had taken place with the British Thomson-Houston Company, Limited, since last meeting it, however, appeared that the contractors' intention was that a contingency fund of £1,500 should be provided to cover faulty workmanship and material, the basis of 10 per cent. profit being, the contractors alleged, too low to cover the risks which they would have to take on their sub-contractors' materials, their errors, and faulty labour on site. The contractors' proposal had been placed before the Lanarkshire Tramways Company, and on 21st current the Company had written intimating that so far as they were concerned it would not object to the concession desired. The Clerk expressed the opinion that, if this arrangement were agreed to, the contingency fund for maintenance need not be established.

Contingency fund of £1,500 agreed to. The sub-committee agreed to accede to the contractors' demand regarding the contingency fund, and remitted to the Clerk to adjust the contract accordingly.

29th January, 1913.

Alteration of telegraph poles in Bellshill.

With reference to the proposal to alter the telegraph poles at Bellshill, the Clerk reminded the committee of the position in which this matter had been left at last meeting. He reported that since the date of that meeting Mr. Möller had gone carefully into the question of the probable expenditure which the County Council would incur in altering the poles if this work were delayed till the tramways were actually being constructed. Mr. Möller then explained to the meeting the basis on which he was accustomed to estimate for work of this kind, and stated that, as the result of his experience in carrying out similar alterations on other parts of the Company's system, he considered the work could be done for a sum of between £400 to £450, after allowing credits for old material.

Postmaster-General to be offered contribution of £425.

The sub-committee agreed to empower the Clerk to offer the Postmaster-General a contribution of £425 as the fair equivalent of the expense which they would themselves have incurred in altering the telegraph poles.

LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER.

AIRDRIE CORPORATION GAS ORDER.

MEMORANDUM AS TO MATTERS RAISED BY VARIOUS OBJECTORS TO THE ORDER, AT A MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK, AND OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE MIDDLE WARD OF THE COUNTY OF LANARK.

LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER.

TOWN COUNCIL OF MOTHERWELL.

To appreciate the attitude assumed by the Town Council of Motherwell towards the Order certain preliminary explanations are necessary. By the Motherwell Water (Additional Supply) Act, 1900, Section 26, it is provided that the District Committee of the Upper Ward are entitled to obtain from Motherwell a supply of water not exceeding 250,000 gallons per day on arbitration terms, "provided that such supply of 250,000 gallons shall not prejudice, "affect, or restrict the supply of water from time to time required within the "limits of this Act."

By the same Act, Section 28, it is also provided that the District Committee of the Middle Ward may require the Town Council of Motherwell to afford a supply of water not exceeding 200,000 gallons per day, to be paid for at the current price for water supplied by the Town Council of Motherwell by meter beyond the Burgh, but only "if and so long as the Commissioners have such "water to spare."

The Committee will recollect that when the Burgh of Motherwell was granted an extension of its territory in the year 1908 Parliament decided that the water area of the Burgh should not be extended, and in consequence the Middle Ward District Committee still supply water and the County Council levy the assessments for water within the area added to the Burgh of Motherwell, although for other purposes within that area the Town Council of Motherwell is the Local Authority.

The proposals made to the Parliamentary Bills Committee at the meeting on Thursday, 16th current, on behalf of the Town Council of Motherwell were:—

(1) That the Town Council of Motherwell be relieved of the obligation to supply 250,000 gallons of water per day to the Upper Ward;

(2) That the Town Council of Motherwell be also relieved of the obligation to supply 200,000 gallons of water per day to the Middle Ward; and

(3) That the right to supply water and to assess therefor within the area added to the Burgh of Motherwell in the year 1908 be transferred from the Middle Ward District Committee and the County Council to the Town Council of Motherwell.

The deputation also mentioned that the Town Council of Motherwell had general objections to the clauses in the Order relating to the incidence of the domestic rate and to the proposal to carry water mains through the Burgh. If, however, an agreement were come to regarding the three points above mentioned, the Town Council of Motherwell did not anticipate that there would be any difficulty in adjusting the minor matters.

The Motherwell representatives explained that they realised that one difficulty in the way of the County Council entertaining their proposals was the fact that the cumulo charge on domestic consumers at present levied within the areas added to the Burgh in 1908 was 1s. 4d. per £, made up of the Public Water Rate of 3d. per £ and the Domestic Water Rate of 1s. 1d. per £, while the corresponding charge within the remainder of the Burgh of Motherwell was 2s. per £. The Town Council hoped that in future the water rate levied by them would be reduced, but in the meantime, to meet the difficulty referred to, they suggested that a concession might be made to the ratepayers within the area proposed to be disjoined from the Middle Ward District Water Supply Area in the shape of a rebate equivalent to the difference between the Middle Ward Water Rate and the Motherwell Burgh Water Rate for a period of ten years. The deputation also admitted that the County Council must be recouped for its capital expenditure within the area, but they limited this recoupment to the cost of the water mains in the area in question.

It was pointed out to the deputation that the principle underlying any re-adjustment of the boundaries of the Middle Ward Water District and the Burgh Water Supply area, assuming that any such re-adjustment could be conceded, must be that Motherwell should place the County Authorities in a no worse financial position than they were in previous to the adjustment. In answer to this statement the deputation suggested that the ratepayers in the added area might for a period of, say, 10 years be charged the full Burgh rate from the date of the transfer of the area to the Burgh, and that, in addition to repaying the amount of capital expenditure on the area, the amount of the difference between the rates actually levied by the Town Council and the rate which would have been levied by the County Council, if no re-adjustment had taken place, might be handed over to the County Council.

In the event of no agreement being arrived at between the County Council and the Town Council of Motherwell, the deputation indicated that the Town Council of Motherwell would oppose the Order on all competent grounds, and would ask for clauses to be inserted in it compelling the Upper Ward District Committee and the Middle Ward District Committee to take the supply of water which they have the right to demand under Sections 26 and 28 respectively of the Motherwell Water (Additional Supply) Act, 1900.

With regard to the first and second proposals of the Town Council of Motherwell, it may be pointed out that when the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order of 1908 was before the Commissioners appointed to enquire into it an attempt was made by Motherwell to have the option conferred on the Middle Ward District Committee by Section 28 of the Motherwell Water (Additional Supply) Act, 1900, turned into an obligation on the Middle Ward District Committee to take the supply of 200,000 gallons per day. This contention was successfully resisted by the County Council.

The Town Council of Motherwell are therefore raising a question which has been the subject of a decision by a Parliamentary Committee already, and are also endeavouring in addition to turn the option which the Upper Ward District Committee have into an obligation in favour of the Town Council. It is probably unnecessary to deal further with these two proposals.

The third proposal that the area added to the Burgh of Motherwell in the year 1908 should be excised from the Middle Ward District Water Supply area calls for mature consideration, as it raises an important question of principle

which has far reaching effect, but apart from the principle involved, the County Council, before such a proposition could be discussed, would require to consider most carefully the effect of the proposal on the whole Water Undertaking of the Middle Ward District. The revenue derived within the area in the Burgh amounts to £1,280, consisting of Public Water Rate, £348; Domestic Water Rate, £720; and Trade Charges, £212. On the face of the proposal there is therefore a loss of revenue to the County Council equivalent to 3·47 per cent. of the income of their whole Water Undertaking.

As regards the engineering aspect of the proposal, it is obvious that though the County Council were relieved of the necessity of providing a water supply for that area, no substantial modification could be made on the proposed water works, and the capital expenditure would therefore not be materially lessened. On the other hand, the revenue derived from the area, £1,280, would be sufficient to pay interest and sinking fund on £30,000 of capital expenditure.

The excision of the area would not materially reduce the annual expenditure of the District Committee on their Water Undertaking.

Assuming the County Council were prepared to discuss the principle involved, and apart altogether from the question as to whether the County Council would be justified in abandoning the ratepayers within the area proposed to be excised with the knowledge that they were to be charged a higher rate than they presently pay, it is necessary to consider what compensation the County Council would require to meet the loss of revenue above referred to.

In 1909, when the Town Council of Motherwell first approached the County with the view to the County Authorities foregoing their rights under the Middle Ward Water Acts within the extended area of the Burgh of Motherwell, the County Council asked Mr. F. J. Young, C.A., London, and Mr. Peter Rintoul, C.A., Glasgow, to prepare a statement showing what sum would require to be paid as compensation in the event of the transference to the Burgh of the County's rights of water supply within the extended area on the footing that the County Council must in the future be no worse off financially than at present.

Mr. Young and Mr. Rintoul reported that a sum of £26,000 would require to be paid to ensure that no financial loss would accrue to the County Council.

When that Report was made the Water Revenue received from the area in question was £913, now it is £1,280—an increase of 40 per cent.

On the basis of the Report in question, and having in view the increase in the revenue at present received by the County Council—an increase which has been found to be far in excess of that anticipated by Mr. Young and Mr. Rintoul—it is estimated that the sum that would require to be provided in order to obviate any loss falling upon the County Council as a result of the transference of the water rights would, allowing for the advancing increase in the revenue, require to be not less than £40,000.

The annual payment which would be made to the County Authorities on the basis of the Motherwell proposal would, it is estimated, only be £670; or even were the valuation within the area, say, 50 per cent. greater at the end of the ten years, the total sum received over the ten years would only approximate to £8,365, when it would cease. Though the amount of capital expenditure incurred in the area would fall to be added to this sum, it is obvious that compensation on this basis is quite inadequate. In fairness to the ratepayers within the area proposed to be excised and to the County Council, the Town Council of Motherwell would require to give a concession of differential rating to the ratepayers within the added area for a reasonable

period of years, and would also require to compensate the County Council by payment of a sum approximating to that first above mentioned. Any settlement on other terms than these would be to the detriment of the County's interests, and unfair to the ratepayers, who would be unable to protect themselves, as they have received no intimation of the proposed alteration in their position.

SCOTTISH AUTOMOBILE CLUB.

The objection taken by the Scottish Automobile Club to the Order relates to the proviso in Clause 35 of the Order, that a supply of water for domestic purposes shall not include a supply of water for washing carriages, motor cars, or other vehicles. The club representatives pointed out that the Order imposes no limit on the amount of the charge which may be made for water supplied for that purpose. They explained that objection had been taken successfully to similar provisions in other Orders, and that in practice a clause is now inserted in Water Acts limiting the charge for water used for such a purpose to 20s. per annum, and then only if a hose or tube is used. The representatives of the club suggested that a similar clause should be inserted in the Order.

It appears that the clause referred to by the club has in reality been inserted in Water Acts for the benefit of promoters, to enable them to make a charge for water used for washing carriages or motor cars kept for private use. Under the general public legislation a supply of water for washing carriages kept for hire is declared to be not a domestic purpose, but there is no express provision regarding private carriages or cars, and in the absence of express provision in their own Act it has been questioned whether a Water Authority can legally make a separate charge for water used for washing private carriages or cars. The Committee will be aware that such a charge is in fact at present made in the County, and although objections have been taken from time to time by various owners, no actual difficulty has been experienced in recovering the charge. No Scottish precedent exists for the clause, and in view of the comprehensive nature of Clause 35 of the Order, the Committee would require to consider most anxiously the advisability of making any concession at this stage to any particular class of consumers.

PROPRIETORS OF BRAIDHIRST.
LORD HAMILTON OF DALZELL.
DUKE OF HAMILTON.

These proprietors reserved their opposition to the Order so far as regards their objections to the general rating provisions, particularly those affecting minerals, and the point which they raised before the Committee related simply to the alleged hardship caused by Sub-clause (6) of Clause 38 of the Order, which is framed to meet the case of premises in the occupancy of the owner who may be taking water for other than domestic purposes. The effect of the clause is that in such a case while the owner is charged *qua* occupier by meter for the water he uses, he is still liable in his capacity of owner for one-half of the domestic rate. Were this provision deleted the result would be that in the case of premises in which water was used for domestic purposes the occupying owner would be rated for both the owner's and occupier's shares of the domestic rate, while in the case of the water being used for other than domestic purposes, and a special charge being made, the owner would escape any liability for the owner's share of the domestic assessment. It seems anomalous that the fact that the owner is charged for water at the meter rate should exempt him from an obligation which he would have been subjected to had the water been used for domestic purposes, and it is submitted that there is no ground for the owner being relieved in such circumstances. The clause is also framed to remove any doubt as to the owner, who is not also occupier, being liable for his share of the domestic water rate in the case of his tenant being charged for water at the meter rate.

AIRDRIE, COATBRIDGE AND DISTRICT WATER TRUST.

The representatives of this Trust objected to Clause 38 Sub-clause (5) of the Order, which imposes a domestic water rate on one-fourth of the annual value of all water works and underground or other pipes of any Water Company, Corporation, or Water Trust. They pointed out that the annual valuation of their undertaking within the Middle Ward District amounts to about £5,550, that the Order would impose a domestic water rate on one-fourth of this amount, and that as under their Act they are not authorised to raise a public water rate, the result would be that the additional burden imposed by the Order would fall on the domestic consumers. The Committee are aware of the precedents for the proposals in the Order, and there seems to be no real substance in the argument based on the fact that the Trustees are precluded from levying a Public Water Rate.

AIRDRIE CORPORATION GAS ORDER.

The representatives of Airdrie Corporation explained that the object of the present Order was to obtain powers to borrow to meet further capital expenditure which was required in connection with the development of the Corporation's Gas Undertaking. The Corporation also desired to have statutory powers to supply gas within the additional area proposed by the Order to be included within the limits of compulsory supply. The representatives reminded the Committee that the Corporation had, at the request of the District Committee some time ago extended their gas mains from Plains to Hillend and Caldercruix, and that the effect of the proposals in the Order would be to put these villages and the other districts in the area mentioned in the Order into the compulsory area. The extension of the mains and other necessary works to serve this area would involve considerable capital expenditure, and unless the Corporation had statutory powers within the area proposed to be added they could not borrow for the purposes of this capital expenditure. The deputation stated that the Corporation would be inclined to limit the differential rate in the area to be added to 3d. per 1,000 cubic feet instead of 9d. per 1,000 cubic feet as proposed in the Order. The Corporation were at present supplying gas to the villages of Caldercruix and Glengowan without statutory authority, and were charging a differential rate of 3d. within these villages. The only other Gas Authority which could afford a supply of gas to the area proposed to be added was the Burgh of Coatbridge, and the deputation stated that Coatbridge had refused to supply gas within the village of Chapelhall, although a request had been made by the inhabitants for a supply. In conclusion, the deputation explained that as the primary object of the Order was to obtain borrowing powers, and the proposal to extend the limits of supply was merely a secondary matter, the Corporation would, in the event of any opposition being offered to the extension, drop that proposal from their Order. It was pointed out to the deputation that the County Council, as a condition of their not opposing the Order, would require in any case—

(1) that ample protective clauses as regards interferences with roads, &c., be inserted in the Order;

(2) that the extension of the limits of supply should not on any future occasion be founded on as an argument for the extension of the Burgh of Airdrie;

(3) that the Corporation of Airdrie would not oppose any application promoted by the County Council for powers to supply electricity within the extended limits of supply; and

(4) that the Corporation would not oppose any application by the County Authorities for powers to supply gas within the extended limits, or any part thereof, provided the County Council were willing to take over the Corporation's pipes or works so far as within any area within which the County Council might obtain powers to supply gas, or, alternatively, provided the County Council agreed to take from the Corporation a supply of gas in bulk for the service of such area.

The Airdrie representatives indicated that they understood that terms such as here suggested would have to be adjusted if the County Council were not to oppose.

With reference to this matter, the County Council will have to consider very carefully what policy they should in future adopt in connection with applications by Burgh Authorities to extend the limits of their districts for gas supply over County areas. In view of the question which has arisen in connection with the Blantyre Gas Company, the matter is of importance at this time.

T.M.

County Offices,
Hamilton, January, 1913.

Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.

MEMORANDUM

AS TO

POINTS RAISED IN VARIOUS PETITIONS AGAINST THE ORDER

1.—Petition of Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Motherwell.

PARAGRAPH 5.—Objects to the construction of aqueducts (Works Nos. 12 and 13) within the burgh. It is alleged that Work No. 12 is to be laid through the main street of the burgh, which is congested with traffic as well as being liable to subsidence. The street is said to be crowded with pipes, mains, and cables connected with the Undertakings of the Burgh, Clyde Valley Electrical Power Company, and Motherwell Gas Company. The laying of the proposed conduit in a street containing electric cables will, it is stated, lead to electrolysis of the conduit.

PARAGRAPH 6.—Objects to the powers proposed to be taken under Clause 8 (Limits of Deviation) and Clause 9 (Power to alter Roads, &c., temporarily) of the Order, and avers that no ground exists which would justify the loss and inconvenience which the traffic and trading interests of the town would suffer by the interference with the streets.

PARAGRAPH 7.—Objects to the District Committee obtaining under Clause 10 of the Order powers to maintain, use, extend, alter, &c., aqueducts, conduits, mains, pipes, and other works (other than reservoirs) within or without the limits of supply.

PARAGRAPH 8.—Avers that in virtue of the situation of the Motherwell Water Works on tributary waters of the Clyde, and in view of the boundary of the burgh being in part the *medium filum* of the Clyde, the Petitioners are interested in the adequate and continuous flow of the river, and that the compensation water proposed in the Order is insufficient.

PARAGRAPH 11.—Objects to the proposal in Clause 32 of the Order to give the District Committee, in relation to the carrying of mains and pipes without their limits of supply for the purpose of affording a supply within these limits, the powers conferred on Local Authorities by the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, in relation to the carrying of sewers without the district of a Local Authority.

PARAGRAPH 12.—Objects to the rating provisions of Clause 38 of the Order. It is pointed out that under this clause the Petitioners' Water Works, which are partly situated in the Middle Ward, would be assessed the first time for the domestic water rate, and that the Petitioners would also be assessed on all their property within the area added to the burgh in 1908, consisting of sewers, cables, and public parks, and also gas pipes, which would become the property of the Petitioners on their taking over as a Local Authority the gas undertaking of the Motherwell Gas Company, Limited, which they are taking steps to do.

PARAGRAPH 13.—Objects to the provisions of Clause 38 of the Order, making premises liable to be assessed for the domestic water rate if a pipe of the District Committee were laid within 100 yards. It is stated that this limit is inconsistent with the provisions of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, which require a pipe to be laid within 100 feet before the domestic rate can be imposed. Objection is also made to the repeal of the existing Acts and Orders of the District Committee with respect to the domestic rate, which would enable a domestic rate to be imposed without the present obligation to supply being applicable, and would impose a rate on the Petitioners' property for the first time.

PARAGRAPH 14.—Objects to Clause 38 (6) of the Order so far as authorising the imposition on the owner of his proportion of the domestic water rate when water is used by the occupier, whether he be also owner or not, for non-domestic purposes.

PARAGRAPH 15.—Objects to the proposed expenditure under the Order as this will be paid *pro rata* by ratepayers of the burgh within the Middle Ward Water Area. The Petitioners are said to be able to supply water within the whole municipal area of the burgh or any extension thereof, and claim that they ought as municipal, local, and public health authority, to have the right to supply water within the whole burgh.

PARAGRAPH 16.—Objects to the estimate as inadequate. Even were the estimate sufficient the rates for water will be greater than the rates which the Petitioners will be able to charge, and if the costs are exceeded the burden of the rates will be greatly increased.

PARAGRAPH 17.—Alleges that the additional supply sought under the Order is in excess of the needs of the District Committee; that the works are badly laid out, the engineering details defective, and the estimates insufficient.

PARAGRAPHS 18-25.—Narrate the proceedings in connection with the Motherwell Water (Additional Supply) Act, 1900, resulting in the insertion of sections in that Act giving an option to the Upper and Middle Ward District Committees to demand from Motherwell 250,000 gallons and 200,000 gallons per day respectively; contend that it is unnecessary for the District Committee to get such additional powers, and claim that the Upper and Middle District Committees should now be compelled to take the 250,000 gallons and 200,000 gallons per day referred to.

PARAGRAPHS 26-31.—Narrate the proceedings before the Commissioners in Glasgow in connection with the District Committee's Order of 1908, and quote the recommendation of the Commissioners that the District Committee should, if possible, take a certain supply

from Motherwell. The Petitioners claim that in the circumstances the portion of the burgh within the Middle Ward Water Area should be excised.

PARAGRAPH 32.—States that the Petitioners intend to promote an Order next session to repeal the prohibition in Section 24 of their Burgh Extension and Sewage Purification Act, 1908, against their supplying water within part of the burgh. The Petitioners ask that their Order be heard along with the Middle Ward District Water Order, or that provision be made that nothing therein should prejudice the burgh's promotion of their Order.

PARAGRAPH 33.—Objects to Clause 20 of the Order which empowers the District Committee to acquire sources of water supply within the limits of supply as ambiguous and conferring powers which might be used to the Petitioners' predjudice.

2.—Petition of the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Hamilton.

PARAGRAPH 4.—Object to the powers sought by Clause 10 of the Order (District Committee may enlarge or increase number of pipes, &c.), as enabling the District Committee to open streets within the Petitioners' jurisdiction in which they have already laid pipes and other works, and to lay additional or larger pipes to the prejudice of the Petitioners.

PARAGRAPHS 5 and 6.—Object to Clause 20 of the Order (Power to District Committee to acquire sources of water supply), as likely to injuriously affect the interests of the Petitioners and their water undertaking. It is stated that a similar clause was unsuccessfully sought by the District Committee in 1908.

PARAGRAPHS 7, 8, and 9.—Contain objections to the abandonment, under Clause 29 of the Order, of the Glengavel Reservoir if the streams and waters authorised to be impounded in connection with that scheme are to be retained by the District Committee and not utilised for supplying their area. The District Committee, it is said, have already powers to impound all the available sources of supply

adjoining the Petitioners' drainage area at Kype for their Logan and Dunside Reservoirs, and the Petitioners view with apprehension the impounding by the District Committee of sources of supply most conveniently situated for additions to or extensions of the Petitioners' undertaking.

When the Hamilton Water Act of 1898 was obtained, the District Committee had a clause inserted giving them a right to demand, if they should require it, 100,000 gallons per day on arbitration terms. In view of the proposed abandonment of Glengavel Reservoir and the failure to utilise the whole of the water impounded in the area most suitable for giving a supply to Hamilton, the Petitioners ask to be relieved of their obligation to give the supply of 100,000 gallons per day, and that the District Committee be required to give them a supply of water at any time on arbitration terms.

Paragraphs 10-13.—Set forth objections to the proposal that the powers of a local authority with reference to the carrying of sewers without their district should apply to the carrying of mains and pipes without the limits of supply. Objection is also taken to any increase or enlargement of the District Committee's pipes in the streets of the burgh which are already congested with underground works of other undertakings. The power sought is represented as unnecessary as the proposal of the Order is to impound sources of supply different from the present water shed, which latter is more convenient for serving the area deriving its supply from the District Committee's mains passing through Hamilton.

Paragraph 14.—Objects to the rating provisions of Clause 38 of the Order as rendering their water undertaking liable for the domestic water rate and also imposing liability for the full domestic water rate on other property of the Petitioners such as their sewers, sewage purification works, gas pipes, and electric mains.

3.—Petition of the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Wishaw.

Paragraphs 1-13.—After describing the proposals in various clauses of the Order and explaining the position of the Petitioners' Water Works on tributary waters of the Clyde to the south of Camps

Water, the Petitioners refer to the powers contained in section 28 of the Wishaw Water (Additional Supply) Act, 1898, under which the Petitioners are authorised to give a supply to owners and occupiers along the line of their pipes and to local authorities in certain parishes beyond the limits of their compulsory limits of supply. The Petitioners also explain that under a Minute of Agreement scheduled to the Wishaw Act of 1898, they are under obligation to supply 200,000 gallons per day to the Upper Ward District Committee on arbitration terms. The Petitioners state that they have surplus water available to meet such supplies outwith their compulsory limits, and for a number of years have afforded such supplies. The Petitioners therefore object to the incorporation in the Order of Section 29 of the Middle Ward District Water Act of 1892 as amended by Section 29 of the Order of 1908 (power to District Committee to supply water by agreement in bulk or otherwise within the limits of supply or places adjacent or near to these limits) unless their rights regarding the supplies referred to are reserved or protected. It would, they contend, be unfair to empower the District Committee by means of their new works to supply water to persons and places which the Petitioners have been for many years supplying with water under statutory powers. The Petitioners' water works and pipes, it is alleged, were constructed and laid down on a scale to enable them to afford and in reliance of their being permitted to continue to afford the supplies which the District Committee now propose to take power to compete with or supersede.

Paragraph 14.—Contains objections to the proposed works Nos. 13 and 14 which pass through the centre of the Burgh of Wishaw for the following reasons :—

(1) Because these works are proposed by the District Committee solely with a view to the direct supply by them of water to certain areas adjacent to the Burgh of Wishaw and to the Petitioners' line of pipes and within the Parishes of Cambusnethan and Dalziel ;

(2) Because the Petitioners are, by virtue of their Act of 1898, authorised, and are able and willing and have offered, to supply water to the District Committee for the service of the areas proposed to be served by works 13 and 14 ;

(3) Because the Petitioners are, by virtue of their Act of 1898, at present supplying water within some of the areas proposed to be supplied by means of works 13 and 14;

(4) Because the areas in question are well within the small drainage area which surrounds the Burgh of Wishaw, and because the sewage of these areas, where sewage facilities have been provided, discharges into the Petitioners' sewers;

(5) Because it is unnecessary that the District Committee should lay pipes within the Burgh of Wishaw for the supply by them of water to any part of their district; and

(6) Because the streets proposed to be traversed or crossed are already overladen with pipes and other works, including, besides the main water and sewage pipes of the Petitioners, three water pipes of the Corporation of Motherwell.

PARAGRAPH 15.—Objects to the Order so far as it seeks authority to augment the District Committee's present water supply within any part of the small drainage area which surrounds the Burgh of Wishaw, as the Petitioners are by their Act of 1898 authorised and able to supply it with water. If the District Committee were relieved from supplying water within this drainage area, the expense of the scheme proposed by the Order could be curtailed.

PARAGRAPH 16.—Objects to Clause 38 of the Order, which would impose the full domestic water rate on the Petitioners' sewers within the limits of supply, and points out that sewers should be assessed in the same way as water pipes.

4.—Petition of the Corporation of the City of Glasgow.

PARAGRAPHS 7-13.—These clauses set forth the Corporation's objections to the proposal of the County Council to include the area in the Parish of Rutherglen within the limits of supply. The proposal is said to be contrary to the terms of Section 126 (1) of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, which prohibits a County Council from supplying water in an area which any local authority or company are authorised

to supply with water under Act of Parliament unless the County Council has previously purchased or acquired the undertaking of such local authority or company. The Petitioners state that they are authorised to supply water within the area in question but the Order contains no provision for compensation on their being dispossessed. The Petitioners have not been called upon hitherto to supply water within the whole area, as the houses on the property known as Burnside Estate were supplied from private works, and moreover the greater part of the area could not be supplied by gravitation. The Petitioners were approached to supply the Cathkin and Burnside Estates in connection with the Glasgow Boundaries Act, 1912, and agreed in the event of Rutherglen being annexed to Glasgow to afford a supply of water thereto. The burgh was not annexed to the city, but the Petitioners are not averse to supplying the area if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the proprietors of the estates. The residents in the area are said to be for the most part persons whose interests are in Glasgow and who would prefer to be customers of the Corporation, from whom they would have an abundant supply at rates as cheap if not cheaper than the County would charge.

Paragraph 14.—Points out that the proposed domestic rate under the Order is unlimited.

Paragraph 15.—Explains the rates charged by the Corporation to public and private consumers.

Paragraphs 16 and 17.—Point out that the Corporation own within the limits of supply Cathkin Braes Park, tramways, gas pipes, and mains and other lands and heritages. These properties can obtain no advantage from a supply of water, but will be liable to the domestic rate in addition to the public rate for which they are presently liable. The Corporation submit that having constructed tramways and laid down gas pipes and mains for the convenience of the ratepayers of the County Council it is unfair that these properties should be assessed without deriving any benefit from the assessments.

5.—Petition of the Honourable Edmund Henry Byng, commonly called Viscount Enfield, and others, Trustees for the Right Honourable Edward Arthur Baron Colebrooke.

PARAGRAPH 11.—States that the Petitioners are proprietors of Abington and Crawford Estates extending to many thousands of acres, including a mansion house and policies on the River Clyde, the village of Abington and numerous farms and mills. The shootings are valuable.

PARAGRAPH 12.—States that the site of the proposed reservoir (Work No. 1) is to the extent of two-thirds or thereby on land belonging to the Petitioners who are also proprietors of most of the streams and water proposed to be impounded. These streams and water form a stream known as Camps Water which from the site of the proposed reservoir flows through land belonging entirely to the Petitioners for 4 miles or thereby until its junction with the Clyde near the village of Crawford. Camps Water is one of the most important tributaries of the Clyde. From the point of confluence the River Clyde intersects lands belonging to the Petitioners for a distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles or thereby and thereafter forms the boundary of the Petitioners' property on one bank for a distance of one mile or thereby. The Petitioners allege that they use to a considerable extent the water from Camps Water for their lands and mills.

PARAGRAPH 13.—The Petitioners object to the scheme as unnecessary. In particular they object to the construction of the Reservoir (Work No. 1) and the impounding of the streams and waters. The reservoir if contructed will, it is alleged, submerge the dwelling-house and buildings on the farm of Grains and valuable grass and meadow land thereto appertaining. These buildings cannot be re-erected in a suitable situation, and the grass and meadow land, which is essential to the holding, cannot be replaced. The construction of the works will effect the Petitioners' use and enjoyment of their said estates and fishings and diminish the value thereof. The Petitioners' also object to the proposed Road Diversion (Work No. 3) (the road diversion in the Parish of Crawford, commencing at the ford on the

existing road to Cowhill Shepherd's house, and terminating by a junction with the existing road near the Shepherd's house at Crimp Cramp).

PARAGRAPH 14.—The provisions of the Order relating to the impounding of streams, springs, and water, the taking of water before the Reservoir (Work No. 1) is constructed or completed, and the discharge of compensation water from Reservoir (Work No. 1) when completed and the due ascertainment and inspection thereof are objected to as unsatisfactory. It is alleged that the provisions of the Order might result in the District Committee not only abstracting for a considerable number of years a large quantity of water without making any reservoir or paying compensation, but also by so doing reducing the stream for the same number of years to less than its minimum flow for a considerable period in each year. It is also objected that the quantity of compensation water after work No. 1 is completed is enormously less than the quantity which riparian proprietors and others lower down the stream are entitled to insist upon in terms of ordinary parliamentary practice.

PARAGRAPH 15.—The Petitioners object to the proposal to incorporate in the Order the provisions of the Water-works Clauses, Act, 1847, with respect to the breaking up of streets so far as applicable to aqueducts conduits or lines of pipes beyond the District Committee's limits of supply. They also object to the proposal to incorporate Section 26 of the Order of 1908, dealing with the laying of mains in public roads and to the power sought to carry water, mains, and pipes, without the limits of supply in the same way as is provided for carrying sewers under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897. The Petitioners allege that the roads intersecting their estates might be repeatedly broken up, that the District Committee would be invested with wide powers to lay pipes along and under the public roads through their property and also through and under their land without control and without payment of any wayleave or compensation for the privilege. They state that the District Committee are in effect attempting to obtain Parliamentary authority to carry out an alternative proposal in respect that power is sought for wayleaves either under the Public

Health (Scotland) Acts or Water Works Clauses Acts, and they submit that this is contrary to Parliamentary practice. The Petitioners also object to aqueducts or pipes being laid under and along public roads through their estates without compensation or wayleave in respect of the *solum*, which, as alleged, is the Petitioners' property. It is stated that the Petitioners, as owners of the *solum* of the roads, have not received from the District Committee any notice of the intention to apply for the Order and relative schedule showing the property affected.

PARAGRAPH 16.—Objection is taken to a limit of ten years for carrying out the proposed works and to the proposal that the period be indefinitely extended so far as alterations, renewals, enlargements, &c., are concerned.

The Petitioners also object to the provisions as to arbitration and to the extensive power of deviation sought for.

PARAGRAPH 18.—Avers that the scheme is badly laid out and open to grave engineering objections, and that the estimate of expense is insufficient.

Petition of the Trustees of the late Duke of Hamilton.

PARAGRAPH 9.—Objects to the abandonment of Glengavel Reservoir and the annulment of the Agreement with the Duke of Hamilton scheduled to the Act of 1892, under which the District Committee were bound to give a supply of water to Dungavel Lodge and the gamekeeper's house and kennels adjoining, if it be practicable to do so, and under which there was reserved to the Duke of Hamilton and his successors, *inter alia*, the exclusive right in all time coming of shooting and fishing on or over the reservoirs. The present supply of water to Dungavel Lodge is alleged to be inadequate during dry weather, and it is argued that the District Committee should not be relieved of their statutory obligation without coming under another obligation in lieu thereof.

PARAGRAPH 10.—Objects to the District Committee using the land acquired for Glengavel Reservoir for other purposes unless the shooting rights over the land is reserved to the Petitioners.

PARAGRAPHS 11 and 12.—Objection is taken to the rating provisions of Section 38 of the Order in respect of the additional rating thereby proposed.

Petition of Lord Hamilton of Dalzell.
Petition of the Proprietors of Braidhirst.

PARAGRAPH 6.—Objects to the proposals contained in Clause 34 (Owners to provide and maintain service pipe, &c.) on the grounds that under the Public Health and other Acts the District Committee already possesses sufficient powers regarding the provision of water for dwelling houses, and that in many cases the introduction of water is impracticable for want of drainage facilities.

PARAGRAPH 7.—Objects to Clause 35 (Definition of supply of water for domestic purposes) on the ground that dwelling houses belonging to the Petitioners can only be conveniently supplied with water by means of standwells and common wash houses and lavatories, and that in many cases common lavatories have at the Promoter's request been fitted with apparatus for discharging water automatically (which might fall under the definition of public pumps and wash houses), and that as the water supplied for such purposes is used solely for domestic purposes there might be danger of a double charge.

PARAGRAPHS 8, 9, and 10.—Object to Clause 38 of the Order (rating) as inequitable, and particularly to the effect of the Clause in imposing the domestic rate upon the owner of premises the occupier of which takes water by measure, as contrary to existing private legislation.

Petition of Robert Addie & Sons' Collieries, Limited, and other twenty-four Owners and Lessees of Coal Fields and other properties.

The Objections in this Petition are mainly directed to the change in the incidence of the Domestic Water Rate, and are otherwise generally similar to those in the Petition of Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, K.T., and others.

Petition of the Coltness Iron Company, Limited.

PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6.—Explain that the Petitioners are owners of the Coltness Iron Works on the Auchter Water in the Village of Newmains. The works were placed to secure an ample supply of water, and large expenditure has been incurred in obtaining, storing, and distributing the water for the purposes of the Petitioners' business. Nearly $2\frac{1}{2}$ millions of gallons of water per day are pumped by the Petitioners' plant. The valuation of the works is £17,350, upon which the full Public Water Rate is paid. The Order would render the Petitioners' works liable for the domestic water rate under Clause 38 of the Order, as a water main has for some years been laid in the highway adjoining the Petitioners' works. This the Petitioners object to as unreasonable.

PARAGRAPHS 7 and 8.—Object to Clause 38 of the Order imposing the domestic water rate without the limitation in the previous Water Acts that the assessment should only be on lands and heritages supplied with water for domestic purposes. Under Section 31 of the Water Act of 1892 the Petitioners take by agreement a small supply of water by meter for domestic purposes at a cost of about £9 per annum. The *proviso* in Clause 38 (6) of the Order preventing the promoters from charging for a supply for trade purposes, and also levying the domestic rate on the premises so supplied, is useless to the Petitioners, who provide their own trade supply.

PARAGRAPHS 9, 10, and 11.—Narrate that the Petitioners are owners or tenants of about 80 per cent. of the whole dwelling-houses in the village of Newmains, and pay public and domestic water rates therefor. The Petitioners are also lessees of various coalfields and collieries, and owners and tenants of dwelling-houses. They object to the levy of a domestic rate on mines and minerals, which cannot use water for domestic purposes, and submit that the public water rate of 3d. per £ is an adequate contribution by subjects not using water for domestic purposes, and that consequently Clause 38 is inequitable.

PARAGRAPH 12.—The Petitioners object to Clause 34 of the Order, as they contend that the powers to compel the introduction of water

into dwelling-houses contained in existing public statutes are adequate, and that in many cases, from want of drainage and other causes, it is impracticable to introduce water into existing houses.

Petition of Cambuslang Gas Company, Limited.

This Petition refers entirely to Clause 38 of the Order.

Paragraph 4.—Explains that the Petitioners have incurred expense for the provision of private water supplies to their works.

Paragraphs 5 and 6.—Object to Clause 38 of the Order, which the Petitioners point out would impose the owners' share of the domestic water rate upon their works in addition to a charge for all water consumed by them through the meter. They further draw attention to the fact that the right of their works to a supply is contingent on the District Committee having surplus water, and that they may therefore be rated for water which they have no right to demand. The Petitioners contend that the clause is inequitable, and that where water is supplied by meter the only other charge should be the public water rate.

Petition of the Clyde Valley Electrical Power Company.

Paragraph 5.—Explains that Petitioners have a subscribed capital of £600,000, that they have expended £400,000 in erecting generating stations at Yoker and Motherwell, and have laid cables at a cost of upwards £350,000, largely in the Middle Ward. The valuation of their undertaking within the Middle Ward is £10,072.

Paragraph 6.—Sets forth that the Petitioners have at great expense arranged for an independent water supply for their Motherwell undertaking, but that they also take a partial supply from the District Committee, for which they pay by meter. They also pay the public water rate on their whole undertaking in the Middle Ward.

Paragraph 7.—States that the supply of water by meter has been profitable to the District Committee and enabled the domestic consumer to get a cheaper rate, but that, in spite of this, it is

proposed to subject non-domestic ratepayers to the additional burden of the full domestic rate where no water is used, and to the owner's share of the domestic rate where a supply is taken by meter.

PARAGRAPHS 8 and 9.—Discuss the alleged injustice of Clause 38 of the Order.

PARAGRAPH 10.—Contends that if any charge at all is to be made their undertaking should be put on the same footing as tramway or water undertakings, and only rated on one-fourth of its valuation.

PARAGRAPH 12.—It is alleged that the construction of the works will interfere with the Petitioners' existing and future electric lines, cables, and works, and that provision should be made for their protection.

Petition of the Lanarkshire Tramways Company.

PARAGRAPHS 6 and 7.—Narrate that the aqueducts or lines of pipes (Works Nos. 12, 13, and 14) are to be laid in roads in which certain of Petitioners' tramways are laid, and that under the Order powers are conferred which would allow interference with the Petitioners' tramways and the roads on which they are laid. The Petitioners object to such interference, and state that no provision is made in the Order for their protection.

PARAGRAPH 8.—Refers to obligations imposed on the Company by their Act and Orders with reference to roads, bridges, culverts, &c., and objects to the Company's obligations and liabilities being increased.

PARAGRAPH 9.—Objects to Clause 38 of the Order, which by imposing the domestic rate on subjects presently exempt will depreciate the value of their undertaking. The Petitioners submit that any alteration or extension in relation to the water rate should not apply to their undertaking. They explain that their undertaking is purchasable by various Local Authorities, including the promoters of the Order, and they argue that it is unfair for one of such Authorities to so act as to depreciate the value of the undertaking and thus reduce the price payable by themselves.

Petition by Anderson Boyes & Co., Ltd., Flemington, Motherwell, and other sixteen firms engaged in the manufacture of steel and iron and in kindred trades and owning and occupying lands, property, houses, and manufacturing and industrial concerns.

PARAGRAPH 6.—States that Petitioners use large quantities of water for manufacturing purposes and that most of them have incurred capital expenditure for the provision of private supplies.

PARAGRAPH 7.—Objects to Clause 34 of the Order making the introduction of water into dwelling-houses compulsory under certain circumstances, and submits that the existing Public Health and Housing Acts confer sufficient powers with respect to this matter.

PARAGRAPH 8.—States that in many instances dwelling-houses belonging to them can only be conveniently supplied with water by means of stand-wells and common wash-houses and lavatories (which might be held to fall under the description of public pumps and wash-houses within the meaning of Clause 35 of the Order). In some cases those common lavatories have been fitted with apparatus for discharging water automatically. The water supplied to such stand-wells, wash-houses and lavatories is used solely for domestic purposes in connection with subjects assessed for the domestic rate, and it is suggested that a charge by measure might be made under Clause 35 for the water so supplied and that thus a double charge would be made in respect of the same subjects.

PARAGRAPH 9.—Objects to Clause 38. It is pointed out that in 1892 the public rate was considered an adequate contribution to the finances of the water undertaking by subjects not taking a supply of water for domestic purposes, but that it is now proposed, in addition, to charge a meter rate for non-domestic supplies, and also the owner's proportion of the domestic rate on the full annual valuation of their properties. It is argued that this will handicap the Petitioners in competing with rival concerns at home and abroad. Attention is drawn to the fact that the District Committee is only bound to supply for non-domestic use if there is water to spare, and that under Clause 38 of the Order the Petitioners may be charged the domestic water

rate for a supply which the District Committee is not bound to furnish if it will prejudice the domestic supply. It is stated that Clause 38 of the Order is inequitable as exempting from the domestic rate subjects more akin to domestic subjects than the Petitioners' works.

PARAGRAPH 10.—Also objects to Clause 38 of the Order in respect that it would authorise the domestic rate to be imposed on subjects for which most of the Petitioners have provided private supplies, and even to be imposed in respect of the works and capital expenditure connected with these private supplies.

Petition of the North British Railway Company.

PARAGRAPH 9.—Objects to the new works proposed as unnecessary.

PARAGRAPH 10.—Objects to Clause 32 (power to lay mains outside water limits), and points out that the proposed extension of the District Committee's powers to lay sewers under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, to the laying of water mains and pipes, would, in consequence of the inclusion of certain sections of the Water Works Clauses Act, 1847, and omission of others deprive the Petitioners of the right to compensation for damage under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, and also allow the Promoters to dispense with the Petitioners' consent to the laying of pipes in their private lands. The Petitioners' contend that no interference with the lands of a statutory company should be authorised unless on condition that the consent of the company be first obtained.

PARAGRAPH 11.—Objects to Clause 38 (1) of the Order, the passing of which would render them liable to pay the domestic assessment on all their property within the limits of supply. They at present pay large sums annually for water supplied, and they consider this the most equitable basis.

PARAGRAPH 12.—Objects to railways not being treated in the same way as agricultural lands.

PARAGRAPHS 13 and 14.—Object to Clause 38 (*b*) of the Order in respect that instead of giving relief from the whole domestic rate when water is taken by meter it is proposed to relieve only to the extent of the occupiers' proportion of said rate. The Petitioners also object to the proposal that the County Council shall have power (subject to an appeal to the Sheriff) to determine the portions of premises that are, and are not, occupied for the purpose of which a non-domestic supply is given, and to charge in respect of the portion so occupied either the occupier's proportion of the domestic rate or for a supply by measure, and in respect of the portion not so occupied the domestic water rate. The Petitioners point out that under Clause 38 (*b*) of the Order, the County Council could exact from persons obtaining a supply of water for other than domestic purposes a charge for the same by measure and in addition the owner's proportion of the domestic water rate.

Petition of the Caledonian Railway Company.

PARAGRAPHS 5, 6, and 7.—Object to the compulsory powers of taking and using the Petitioners' lands as likely to interfere and injuriously affect the Petitioners' railways, bridges, and works, and to restrict the Petitioners in altering or renewing their bridges and works or otherwise devoloping their undertaking.

PARAGRAPH 8.—Objects to the works as not well laid out.

PARAGRAPH 9—Objects to Clause 35 (definition of supply of water for domestic purposes) as an unnecessary and unjustifiable alteration of the general law, and states that the expression "for "railway purposes" used in the clause is too wide.

PARAGRAPH 11.—Objects to Clause 38 of the Order as an attempt to introduce an unfair and unjustifiable method of assessment as empowering the committee not only to charge the domestic rate against persons whom they were under no obligation to supply but also to charge the same person with both the domestic rate and a rate by measure for water for non-domestic purposes, although such person might be supplied with and use water for non-domestic purposes

PARAGRAPH 12.—Objects to the repeal of Section 55 of the Act of 1892 and Section 31 of the Act of 1899 proposed by Clause 38 of the Order (change in incidence of Domestic Water Rate), as these sections embody the considered decision of Parliament and are of proved sufficiency. The powers in these sections are, it is stated, in line with similar powers granted to other Scotch Authorities. It is alleged that it would be contrary to public interest to grant the abnormal powers sought in Clause 38 to one particular county in respect of one particular district.

PARAGRAPH 13.—Objects to the Order passing without suitable clauses for the protection of the Petitioners and their interests.

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OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Monday, 10th February, 1913, being a Special Meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 10th February, 1913.

Present—

James Anderson.	William Neilson.
George Fraser.	Gavin A. Shanks.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Speirs.
Robert Lambie.	William Sym.
William Love.	William Templeton.

and

The following additional members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order:—

James Steele, Senior.	David Thomson.

Mr. George Fraser, Chairman of the Committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk submitted a letter from Messrs. Grahames, Currey, & Spens, dated 5th current, intimating that the Chairmen of Committees were to meet on Thursday, 13th current, to decide which of the Scottish Orders should proceed as Private Bills, and that any representation in regard thereto would have to be lodged by 11th current. *Letter from Parliamentary Agents enquiring if representation to be made to chairmen of committees.*

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that no representation on the subject need be made. *No representation to be made.*

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 26th February, 1913, being a Meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 26th February, 1913.

Present—

James Anderson.	*William M. Marshall.
Colonel Buchanan.	*William Neilson.
James H. Fenton.	Gavin A. Shanks.
*George Fraser.	William Speirs.
*Alexander Hamilton.	William Sym.
*Robert Lambie.	Colonel King Stewart.
*William Love.	James Tonner.

William Templeton.

and the following additional members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order :—

James Cameron.	David Thomson.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee.

Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

Apologies for absence were intimated from Mr. Hamilton Houldsworth and Mr. James Steele, Senior. *Apologies.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of meetings of the committee of 29th January and 10th February 913, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the committee, were, submitted, approved, and signed. *Minutes of meetings of committee*

The minutes of meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Lanark County Tramways, of date 29th January, 1913, which form Appendix I. to the minutes of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of that date, and the minutes of meetings of the Sub-Committee *re* Blantyre Gas, of dates 5th and 19th February. 1913 (Appendix), which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the committee, were submitted and approved. *Minutes of sub-committees.*

* These members are also members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.

Blantyre Gas.—Amendment of table appended to minute of sub-committee.

On the suggestion of Mr. Lambie the table forming Appendix II. to the minutes of the Sub-Committee *re* Blantyre Gas, of 5th February, 1913, was amended by the insertion of a note and appropriate markings drawing attention to the differences between the candle powers of the gas manufactured by the Blantyre Gas Company and Hamilton Corporation as entered in that table and as stated in the report by Mr. Wilson forming Appendix I. to that minute.

Airdrie Gas Order.—Draft clause for protection of County Authorities.

The Clerk reported that following upon the meeting of this committee with representatives of the Airdrie Corporation on 16th January, 1913, and the meeting between representatives of that Corporation and the Middle Ward District Committee referred to in the minute of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of 29th January, 1913, the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee had prepared draft clauses for the protection of the County Authorities as regards roads, the right of the County Authorities to supply gas in the proposed extended area of supply in certain contingencies, the prices to be charged to consumers therein, and the conservation of the County Council's right to supply electric light, and that he had approved of the draft clauses which had been thereafter forwarded to the Town Clerk of Airdrie. He stated that, provided the Corporation of Airdrie were willing to insert these clauses in the Order, it would be unnecessary for the County Council to continue their opposition. The committee approved.

Control of River Clyde.—Correspondence with Lord Inverclyde.

The Clerk also reported that, subsequent to the meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee on 8th January, he had written to Lord Inverclyde informing him that the committee had remitted his letter of 6th January, 1913, regarding the question of control of the River Clyde, to a small sub-committee, and intimating that the members of that sub-committee would be glad to have an opportunity of conferring with his Lordship on the subject. He had received a letter from Lord Inverclyde dated 31st ultimo, stating that in view of the manner in which events had developed, and there now being no prospect of any action being taken until the Bills being promoted in connection with the Greenock Harbour Trust had been before Parliament, the sub-committee might not now desire to see him and that he did not think he could further matters at present. In these circumstances the committee agreed that it was unnecessary to take any further action, but meantime continued the remit to the sub-committee.

Further action meantime delayed, and remit continued.

Representations from telephone users in Cambuslang.—Letter from General Post Office.

With reference to the representations made to the County Council by telephone users in Cambuslang, the Clerk stated that he had written to the Postmaster-General on the subject, on 2nd December, 1912, and had received a letter from the Secretary of the General Post Office, dated 16th December, 1912, enclosing copy of the following answer by the Postmaster-General to a question on the subject by Mr. Whitehouse, in the House of Commons on 9th October, viz. :—

> "58. Mr. Whitehouse.—To ask the Postmaster-General whether the telephone subscribers in Cambuslang are no longer allowed to use the Glasgow area without extra charge, and, if so, whether this new arrangement is intended to be permanent. (Wednesday 9th October).
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> "No. 58. The Postmaster-General's answer to Mr. Whitehouse's question for Wednesday, 9th October, 1912.—New telephone subscribers in Cambuslang are required to subscribe at the current tariff which involves the payment of junction line fees on Calls to Exchanges in the Glasgow Area, other than Cambuslang, Shettleston, and Baillieston. This arrangement, which has been in force for the last two years, will come under review in connection with the general revision of rates which I have promised."

The Secretary of the Post Office also stated that the revision of rates referred to would be undertaken when the purchase price of the ex-National Telephone Company's plant had been settled, and that as regards the party line system he had to explain that existing subscribers were not being disturbed except where the number on a party line originally intended for 10 subscribers or more, has fallen to 5 or under, in which case the continuance of the party line at the original rates would, as recognised by the Council, be unremunerative. The Clerk reported that he had communicated this letter to the Secretary of the Cambuslang Telephone Users Association, and had understood from him that the Local Association intended to send a Petition to the Postmaster-General. This, however, had not yet been done but he was informed that the Petition would now be sent on an early date.

The Committee agreed that the Clerk should write to the Secretary of the General Post Office informing him that he had submitted his letter to this Committee, who would await with interest the Postmaster's decision, but would be glad if, before finally deciding on the course to be adopted, the Postmaster-General would communicate to the Committee his intentions, in order that the Committee might, if they thought fit, have an opportunity of submitting to the Postmaster-General further representations on the subject.

Clerk instructed to write Secretary, Post Office.

The Clerk reported that he had communicated to the Council's Parliamentary Agents the Committee's decision that no representation should be made as to whether the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order should proceed as a Private Bill or as an Order. He now submitted a letter from Messrs. Grahames Currey & Spens, dated 17th February, 1913, intimating that the Chairmen of Committees had decided that the Order should proceed as such and not as a Private Bill.

Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order to proceed as an Order.

The Clerk reported that he had communicated to the Middle Ward District Committee the resolution passed by the County Council at the statutory meeting on 29th January last, confirming the propriety of promoting the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, subject to the deletion of clauses 34, 35, and 38 of the Draft Order, and that he had received the following letter from the Clerk to the District Committee, viz.:—

Letter from District Committee of Middle Ward.

"District Offices,
"Hamilton, 20th February, 1913.

DEAR SIR,

"LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER.

"I duly submitted to the sub-committee of the District Committee charged on their behalf with this matter your letter of 3rd instant, together with the draft minute of meeting of the County Council held on 29th January which accompanied same, and they have fully considered the position of matters and reviewed the whole situation.

"I am to say that—as already indicated—they view with the greatest concern the probable effect of the resolutions come to at the special meeting of the County Council held on 29th January. In their view, the excision of the clauses in question intimately and seriously affects the substance of the whole proposals in connection with the water scheme. These proposals as incorporated in the Draft Order had received the careful consideration and unanimous support of the District Committee so far as their interests were concerned, and if the Order is to proceed, as suggested, exclusive of the particular clauses in question, it will be incumbent upon the District Committee to consider whether it will adequately meet what they conceive to be the requirements of the District. As regards the clauses and provisions directly affecting the interests and jurisdiction of the District Committee, the Committee feel sure that if they could have had an opportunity, they could have satisfied any reasonable objections which might have been urged against same.

"Further, while it may not be pertinent to the subject-matter of this communication—and if I may be permitted to refer to it—you will recollect that I mentioned to the Convener and yourself at our recent meetings that it had been stated—on some hands at all events—that the issue which was voted on at the meeting held on 29th January had been misunderstood.

"In respect, therefore, of these and other considerations, the Committee have thought it well that the position of matters, including their views, should be directly represented to the Convener and yourself to whom they would suggest that in the exceptional circumstances the whole position should be brought under review by the County Council, and it will be a favour if you can let me hear that this can be arranged for.

"I am,
"Yours faithfully,
(Signed) "W. E. WHYTE.

"THOMAS MUNRO ESQ.,
"County Clerk,
"Hamilton.

"P.S.—I have not written to the Convener, and I presume that it will not be necessary for me to do so.

(Init.) "W. E. W."

The Clerk stated that he had communicated this letter to the Convener, who was of opinion that the letter should in the first instance be submitted to the Parliamentary Bills Committee for their consideration, and the letter was laid before the Committee for this purpose.

Motion by Mr. Marshall.

After some discussion, in the course of which, Mr. Fraser having vacated the Chair and left the meeting, the Convener was appointed Chairman of the meeting, Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Anderson, moved that the Committee having carefully considered the letter by the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee, cannot suggest any procedure whereby the decision of the County Council can be brought under review, and recommend that the District Committee should re-consider the whole matter with the view of deciding whether, having regard to the altered circumstances, they desire that the Order should be further proceeded with.

Amendment by Mr. Love.

Mr. Love, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, moved as an amendment that the Committee inform the Convener that they do not see their way to make any observations on the letter from the Middle Ward District Committee.

Mr Love's amendment negatived.

On a vote, Mr. Love's amendment was negatived by seven votes to five votes.

Further amendment by Mr. Lambie.

Thereupon, Mr. Lambie, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved the following amendment:—That the letter from the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee having been brought before this Committee, the Committee recommend that the whole position be brought under review by the County Council, and suggest to the Convener that he call a special meeting of the County Council for that purpose.

Amendment negatived.

On a vote being taken for and against Mr. Lambie's amendment, six voted for the amendment, and six against it, whereupon the Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment.

Mr. Marshall's motion carried.

There being no further amendment, Mr. Marshall's motion was thereafter put to the meeting and declared carried.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 12th March, 1913, being a meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 12th March, 1913.

Present—

John Adam.	*Robert Lambie.
James Anderson.	*William Love.
Colonel Buchanan.	*William Neilson.
*George Fraser.	Colonel King Stewart.
James H. Fenton.	William Sym.
*Alexander Hamilton.	William Templeton.

James Tonner.

And

The following additional members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order :—

James Cameron. David Thomson.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee.

Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 26th February, 1913, which had been printed, and a copy sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted and approved, were signed by the chairman. *Minutes of last meeting.*

Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.—Report by chairman as to interview in London with Agents and Counsel.

The chairman reported that, in view of the situation which had been created by the resolution of the County Council to proceed no further with Clauses 34, 35, and 38 of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, the Convener had consulted him as to whether some understanding could not be arrived at between all parties as to the future procedure which should be adopted in connection with the Order. The Vice-Convener and the Chairman of Middle Ward District Water Committee had also been consulted in the matter, and, as a result of these conferences, it had been arranged that the Convener, Vice-Convener, Mr. Lambie, Mr. Fraser, the County Clerk, and Mr. Whyte, should proceed to London and take the opinion of Parliamentary Counsel and Agents on the position, and as to what course should now be adopted. The chairman reported that, with the other gentlemen named, he had gone to London, and had a meeting with Agents and Counsel on Tuesday, 11th March. He reported generally the opinions expressed by Parliamentary Agents and Counsel.

After discussion, Mr. Tonner, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, moved that further consideration of the procedure to be followed with regard to the Order be adjourned for one week. *Motion by Mr. Tonner.*

* These members are also members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.

12th March, 1913.

Amendment by Mr. Fraser.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Anderson, moved, as an amendment, that consideration of the procedure to be followed in regard to the Order be adjourned till next Wednesday, and that the Clerk be instructed to prepare a statement of facts to enable the Committee to consider whether any modification could be made on Clause 38 of the Order which would enable it to be restored in the Order in a form that might be generally acceptable.

Vote taken.

It having been agreed that the vote should be taken by calling the roll, there voted for Mr. Tonner's motion, Messrs. Hamilton, Love, Sym, and Tonner, being four in all; and for Mr. Fraser's amendment, Messrs. Anderson, Buchanan, Fenton, Fraser, Lambie, Neilson, Stewart, and Thomson, being eight in all. Mr. Templeton declined to vote.

Mr. Fraser's amendment carried.

Mr. Fraser's amendment was then declared carried.

Locale of Inquiry.

The Clerk submitted a letter from Messrs. Grahames, Currey, and Spens, dated 4th current, stating that the Scottish Office desired to know whether the promoters had any views as to the place where the Inquiry regarding the Water Order should be held. The Committee were of opinion that the most suitable locale for the Inquiry would be Edinburgh, and instructed the Clerk to represent accordingly.

Date of Inquiry

The Clerk also submitted a letter from Messrs. Grahames, Currey, & Spens, dated 7th current, intimating that the Water Order had been formed into a group with the Caledonian Railway Order and the Airdrie Corporation Gas Order, and that the Inquiry regarding these Orders would be opened on 29th April next.

Letter from Clerk to Middle Ward District Committee.

The Clerk read the following letter from Mr. W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee, viz. :—

"District Offices,
"Hamilton, 1st March, 1913.

"DEAR SIR,

"LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER.

"I duly received your letter of 27th ultimo., and submitted same yesterday to the Sub-Committee of the District Committee appointed in connection with this matter. Having carefully considered the whole situation, they unanimously agreed to recommend the District Committee to adopt the resolutions set out in the annexed Note. The Sub-Committee's recommendation was reported to the District Committee at their meeting held later in the day, when they approved of same, and I was accordingly instructed to communicate the resolutions to you with a view to their being submitted to the County Council.

"Yours faithfully,

(Signed) "W. E. WHYTE.

"THOMAS MUNRO, Esq.,
"County Clerk, Hamilton."

Resolutions referred to.

"That the District Committee express their regret that the proposals sent forward by the Middle Ward District Committee should not have received the approval of the County Council, having regard to the facts (1) that these proposals represented the carefully considered opinion and unanimously expressed wishes of the District Committee, and (2) that the whole responsibility of the scheme (financial and otherwise) rests with the Middle Ward Water District of the County; that the District Committee adhere to their former decision approving of the Draft Order as drawn and as deposited, but in respect of the opposition expressed by members of the Lower Ward District to the provisions of clauses 34, 35, and 38 of the Order, the District Committee would offer no objection (if it can be arranged) to the proposal to add certain areas in the Lower Ward District to the Middle Ward Water District being departed from; And that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the County Council."

12th March, 1913.

To this letter, the Clerk had sent the following reply:—

"County Offices,
"Hamilton, 5th March, 1913.

"DEAR SIR,

LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER.

"I have received your letter of the 1st, transmitting a copy of resolutions by your District Committee in connection with the above Order, which, as requested, I shall submit to the County Council.

"As, however, there will, in the ordinary course, be no meeting of the Council until May, by which time the Order will, no doubt, have reached the stage of Inquiry by the Commissioners, I propose bringing your letter before the next meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee.

"Yours faithfully,

(Signed) "THOS. MUNRO,
"*County Clerk.*

"W. E. WHYTE, Esq.
"District Clerk,
"Hamilton."

Consideration of letter delayed.

In view of the decision already come to by the meeting to adjourn consideration of the procedure with regard to the Water Order, consideration of the letter of the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee was continued.

Letter from Town-Clerk, Motherwell.

There was read a letter from the Town-Clerk of Motherwell, dated 6th March, 1913 enquiring if the Committee had yet come to a decision on the points put before them by representatives of Motherwell Town Council on 16th January last. Consideration of this letter was also deferred.

Letter from Agents for Trustees of late Duke of Hamilton.

The Clerk submitted a letter from Messrs. Tods, Murray & Jamieson, Agents for the Trustees of the late Duke of Hamilton, enquiring if the promoters had any proposals to submit with the view of meeting their clients' objections to the Water Order as stated in their petition.

The Clerk reported that the objections of the Duke of Hamilton's Trustees had reference to the rating clauses and to the adjustments which would fall to be made consequent on the abandonment of the Glengavel Reservoir. He had informed Messrs. Tods, Murray & Jamieson that he was not yet in a position to make any definite pronouncement on the rating clauses, and in regard to the other matters dealt with in the petition he had communicated with the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee in order that he might discuss the various points with Messrs. Tods, Murray & Jamieson. The meeting approved.

Observations by Scottish Office on Draft Order and Report by Local Government Board.

There was laid before the meeting a print of the Draft Order, having written thereon observations by the Scottish Office, and also a Report by the Local Government Board on the provisions of the Draft Order. The Clerk stated that he would report on the terms of these observations and on the contents of the Report of the Local Government Board at a future meeting.

Cambuslang Telephone Charges.—Letter from Post Office.

The Clerk intimated that he had written to the Secretary of the General Post Office on the subject of Telephone Charges in Cambuslang in the terms approved by the committee at last meeting, and submitted a letter, from the Secretary of the General Post Office, dated 6th current, stating that the Postmaster-General had to express regret that he was not at present in a position to add anything to his previous letter on the above subject. The Clerk stated that he would report further in the matter.

12th March, 1913.

Caledonian Railway Order and Airdrie Corporation Gas Order.—Approval to County Council's opposition.

There was read to the meeting the following letter from the Scottish Office, viz:—

"Scottish Office, Whitehall, S.W.,
"3rd March, 1913.

"Sir,

"20580/21.

"With reference to your letter of 26th ultimo, I am directed by the Secretary for Scotland to intimate his approval of the resolution of the County Council of Lanarkshire to oppose the following Provisional Orders or Private Bills, viz:—

"(1) Caledonian Railway, and
"(2) Airdrie Corporation Gas.

"I am, Sir,

"Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) "JAMES M. DODDS.

"The County Clerk of Lanarkshire,
"County Offices,
"Hamilton."

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OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

19th March, 1913

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 19th March, 1913, being a meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

John Adam.	*William Love.
James Anderson.	*William Neilson.
Colonel Buchanan.	Gavin A. Shanks.
*George Fraser.	William Sym.
*Alexander Hamilton.	William Templeton.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.	James Tonner.
*Robert Lambie.	Colonel King Stewart

And

The following additional members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order :—

James Cameron. | James Steele, Senior.
David Thomson.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to Middle Ward District Committee.

Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

An apology for absence was intimated from Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart. *Apology for absence.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 12th March, 1913, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted and approved, were signed by the chairman. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk reported that, in consequence of the time required to collect the information from various sources, he had not been able to issue to the members prior to this meeting the statement which at the last meeting of the committee he had been instructed to prepare. He now, however, submitted to the meeting the statement (Appendix I.), copies of which were handed to each member. He explained the principle upon which the statement was made up, and drew attention to the various points in it which were of special interest to the committee. *Comparative statement of subjects assessed under Private Acts and under Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, as lodged.*

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*These members are also members of the special committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.

Motion by Mr. Fraser.

After the committee had considered and discussed the statement, Mr. Fraser moved that before further considering whether any modification could be made on Clause 38 of the Order, which would enable it to be restored in the Order in a form that might be generally acceptable, a sub-committee be appointed to meet with certain of the opponents of the Order who had petitioned against the rating clauses, with a view to ascertaining how far, if at all, these opponents were prepared to modify their opposition, and that the sub-committee consist of the following members:—The Convener, Vice-Convener, Messrs. Fraser, Hamilton, Lambie, Love, Shanks, Tonner, and Templeton—Mr. Fraser to be chairman.

Amendment by Mr. Tonner.

Mr. Tonner, seconded by Mr. Sym, moved, as an amendment, that the committee do not appoint a sub-committee to meet with the opponents.

Vote taken.

On a vote being taken for and against Mr. Tonner's amendment, the amendment was negatived by 13 votes to 3.

Motion agreed to.

The motion was then put to the meeting and unanimously agreed to.

Approval to promotion of Order.

The Clerk submitted the following letter from the Scottish Office, viz.:—

"Scottish Office,
"Whitehall, S.W., 18th March, 1913.

"Sir,

19506/7.

"With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I am directed by the Secretary for Scotland to intimate his approval of the resolution of the County Council of Lanarkshire to promote the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Provisional Order.

"I am, Sir,

"Your obedient Servant,

"(Signed) JAMES M. DODDS.

"The County Clerk of Lanarkshire,
"County Offices, Hamilton."

APPENDIX I.

March, 1913.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

MIDDLE WARD WATER ORDER, 1913.

ANALYSIS OF THE SUBJECTS ASSESSED TO THE DOMESTIC RATE UNDER THE UNDERNOTED PRIVATE ACTS, AND COMPARISON WITH DRAFT MIDDLE WARD WATER ORDER, 1913, AS LODGED.

	Assessable Valuation.	Proportion of Gross Valuation.	Ratio in which Assessment raised.
HOUSE PROPERTY.			
1. East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900, ...	£32,920	Gross	61·80
2. Renfrewshire Upper District (Eastwood and Mearns) Water Act, 1907,	45,184	Gross	68·03
3. Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904,	48,123	Gross	62·03
4. Ayrshire (Loch Braddan) Water Order Confirmation Act, 1911,	25,167	Gross	63·57
5. Draft Middle Ward Water Order, 1913, as lodged,	400,000	Gross	60·60
RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.			
1. East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900, ...	7,522	Stations on gross Lines on one fourth	14·11
2. Renfrewshire Upper District (Eastwood and Mearns) Water Act, 1907,	7,612	Stations and Lines on gross	11·46
3. Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904,	15,016	Stations on gross Lines on one-fourth	19·35
4. Ayrshire (Loch Braddan) Water Order Confirmation Act, 1911,	4,554	Stations on gross Lines on one-fourth	11·50
5. Draft Middle Ward Water Order, 1913, as lodged,	39,437	Stations on gross Lines on one-fourth	5·97
WATER PIPES.			
1. East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900, ...	870	One-fourth	1·63
2. Renfrewshire Upper District (Eastwood and Mearns) Water Act, 1907,	5,391	Gross	8·12
3. Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904 (including Gas Works and Electric Power or Supply Works, and Underground Pipes of these),	2,295	One-fourth	2·96
4. Ayrshire (Loch Braddan) Water Order Confirmation Act, 1911,	1,262	One-fourth	3·19
5. Draft Middle Ward Water Order, 1913, as lodged,	3,295	One-fourth	0·50

	Assessable Valuation.	Proportion of Gross Valuation.	Ratio in which Assessment raised.
MINES, MINERALS, AND QUARRIES.			
1. East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900, ...	£4,709	One-fourth	8·83
2. Renfrewshire Upper District (Eastwood and Mearns) Water Act, 1907,	1,609	Gross	2·42
3. Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904,	11,062	One-fourth	14·26
4. Ayrshire (Loch Braddan) Water Order Confirmation Act, 1911,	6,021	One-fourth	15·21
5. Draft Middle Ward Water Order, 1913, as lodged,	77,766	One-fourth	11·78
PUBLIC WORKS.			
1. East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900, ...	2,896	Gross	5·43
2. Renfrewshire Upper District (Eastwood and Mearns) Water Act, 1907,	908	Gross	1·37
3. Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904,	76	Gross	0·10
4. Ayrshire (Loch Braddan) Water Order Confirmation Act, 1911,	801	One-fourth	2·02
5. Draft Middle Ward Water Order, 1913, as lodged,	93,047	Gross	14·09
OTHER SUBJECTS.			
1. East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900, ...	4,374	Gross	8·20
2. Renfrewshire Upper District (Eastwood and Mearns) Water Act, 1907,	5,716	Gross	8·60
3. Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904,	1,006	Gross	1·30
4. Ayrshire (Loch Braddan) Water Order Confirmation Act, 1911,	1,785	Gross	4·51
5. Draft Middle Ward Water Order, 1913, as lodged,	46,587	Gross	7·06
TOTALS.			
1 East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900, ...	53,291	—	—
2. Renfrewshire Upper District (Eastwood and Mearns) Water Act, 1907,	66,420	—	—
3. Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904,	77,578	—	—
4. Ayrshire (Loch Braddan) Water Order Confirmation Act, 1911,	39,590	—	—
5. Draft Middle Ward Water Order, 1913, as lodged,	660,132	—	—

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Friday, 4th April, 1913, being a meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 4th April, 1913.

Present—

James Anderson.	*William Neilson.
*George Fraser.	Gavin A. Shanks.
*Alexander Hamilton.	Col. King Stewart.
*Robert Lambie.	William Sym.
*William Love.	William Templeton.

James Tonner.

And

The following additional members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order :—

James Cameron. | David Thomson.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to Middle Ward District Committee.

Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of last meeting of the committee, of date 19th March, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The minutes of meetings of the sub-committee appointed to meet with the opponents objecting to the Rating Clauses of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, 1913, of dates 19th and 27th March, which had also been printed, and are contained in the appendix hereto, having been submitted and read, were approved of. *Minutes of Sub-Committee on Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.*

The chairman reported the proceedings at the meeting of the sub-committee held earlier in the day, the minutes of which are also appended hereto, and moved the approval of the sub-committee's recommendation. The Clerk having supplemented the chairman's statement and expressed the opinion that a settlement on the lines proposed would be satisfactory, in which opinion Mr. Whyte also concurred, the committee unanimously approved of and adopted the recommendation of the sub-committee. *Sub-committee's recommendation adopted.*

* These members are also members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.

The committee remitted to the Clerk and Mr. Whyte to meet with the other Objectors to the Order and endeavour to adjust terms with them, with instructions to consult the sub-committee if this were found necessary.

Mr. Talbot, K.C., to be retained.

It was agreed, on the suggestion of the Clerk, that Mr. Talbot, K.C., should be retained to appear for the County Council at the Inquiry which had now been fixed to take place either at Edinburgh or Glasgow, on 29th current.

Special meeting of County Council to be called.

It was decided that the Convener should call a special meeting of the County Council at which the proceedings of the Parliamentary Bills Committee to date might be reported and such further action taken by the County Council as might be considered necessary. In the meantime the Clerk was instructed to prepare a report of the proceedings of the committee from the date of last meeting of the County Council for submission to the County Council at the special meeting.

Case for County Council.

It was remitted to the Clerk and Mr. Whyte to prepare the County Council's case for the Inquiry, with powers to employ such skilled witnesses as might be required and to take all other necessary steps.

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OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE *re* LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER, 1913.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 19th March, 1913, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark, appointed to meet with the Petitioners objecting to the Rating Clauses of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, 1913. 19th March, 1913.

Present—

George Fraser.	William Neilson.
Alexander Hamilton.	Colonel King Stewart.
Robert Lambie.	Gavin A. Shanks.
William Love.	William Templeton.

James Tonner.

Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the sub-committee presiding. *Chairman.*

The Clerk read the remit to the sub-committee which was in the following terms:— *Remit.*

"The Clerk reported that in consequence of the time required to collect the information from various sources, he had not been able to issue to the members prior to this meeting the Statement which at the last meeting of the committee he had been instructed to prepare. He now, however, submitted to the meeting the Statement (Appendix I) copies of which were handed to each member. He explained the principle upon which the Statement was made up and drew attention to the various points in it which were of special interest to the committee.

"After the committee had considered and discussed the Statement, Mr. Fraser moved, that before further considering whether any modification could be made on clause 38 of the Order which would enable it to be restored in the Order in a form that might be generally acceptable, a sub-committee be appointed to meet with certain of the opponents of the Order who had petitioned against the Rating Clauses, with a view to ascertaining how far, if at all, these opponents were prepared to modify their opposition, and that the sub-committee consist of the following members:—the Convener, Vice-Convener, Messrs. Fraser, Hamilton, Lambie, Love, Shanks, Tonner, and Templeton—Mr. Fraser to be chairman.

"Mr. Tonner, seconded by Mr. Sym, moved, as an amendment, that the committee do not appoint a sub-committee to meet with the opponents.

"On a vote being taken for and against Mr. Tonner's amendment, the amendment was negatived by 13 votes to 3.

"The motion was then put to the meeting and unanimously agreed to."

Having taken the remit into consideration, the sub-committee instructed the Clerk to communicate with the agents for the colliery and public work owners and invite them to attend a conference with the sub-committee on the afternoon of Thursday next, if that day were suitable for their constituents. *Conference to be arranged with opponents.*

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE *RE* LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER. 1913.

27th March, 1913.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Thursday, 27th March, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark appointed to meet with the Petitioners objecting to the Rating Clauses of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, 1913.

Present—

George Fraser.	William Neilson.
Alexander Hamilton.	Gavin A. Shanks.
Robert Lambie.	Colonel King Stewart.
William Love.	William Templeton.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee.

Chairman.

Mr. George Fraser, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of last meeting of the committee, of date 19th March, 1913, which had not yet been printed, were submitted in draft, and approved.

Conference with Objectors to Rating Clauses.

The Clerk reported that the meeting had been called to confer with the Petitioners against the Draft Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order who objected to the rating clauses. He had invited to this meeting representatives of the colliery and public work owners, and of the Coltness Iron Company, Limited. These objectors had more or less a common case, and he had not thought it necessary at this stage to invite to the Conference opponents of the Order who had special individual cases, but he would duly communicate to such opponents any decision which might be come to by the County Council as the result of the conference with the objectors. The conference was, of course, without prejudice and was not to be founded on. There were in attendance representatives of the Coalowners, with their Agent (Mr. Bishop), and of the Public Work Owners, with their Agent (Mr. Whitson); and Mr. Russell, of the Coltness Iron Company, Limited, with his Agent (Mr. France). These gentlemen were then invited to enter the meeting.

Case for opponents submitted by Mr. Mitchell.

The chairman having referred to the circumstances leading up to the conference, Mr. Mitchell (of Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyd, Limited) submitted the case for the various interests represented, and a general discussion took place, in the course of which Mr. Mitchell indicated that the opponents of the Order represented at the conference might be willing to modify their opposition to the rating clauses with the view of

arriving at a compromise with the County Council, but that before they could make any proposal they would require detailed information as to the annual charge which the proposed new water scheme would involve on the ratepayers, the valuations of the different classes of subjects, and the rates which would be levied upon them under the present system of rating and under the system proposed in the Order, with such other information as would enable the objectors to understand the financial position. If this information were afforded them, the objectors would carefully reconsider their position, and within the next day or so intimate whether they were prepared to make any proposal for a compromise which would enable them to withdraw their opposition to the Order.

Statement to be prepared for information of objectors.

The sub-committee were of opinion that the request of the objectors should be granted, and intimated that the Clerk would, at the close of the meeting, have a statement prepared showing as fully as possible the information required by the objectors, and would furnish copies to their Agents.

Meeting with objectors to consider statement.

It was then agreed that the County Clerk and District Clerk should meet with representatives of the objectors in Mr. France's office in Glasgow, to-morrow, at 10.45 a.m., to go over the statement with them, and furnish any explanations that might be required.

The deputation having been thanked for their attendance, and having thanked the sub-committee for their reception, then withdrew.

Meeting of sub-committee to consider proposals by objectors.

It was decided to have a meeting of the sub-committee on Friday, 4th proximo, to consider any proposals for a compromise which might be received from the objectors.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE *RE* LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER, 1913.

4th April, 1913. AT GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Friday, 4th April, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark, appointed to meet with the Petitioners objecting to the Rating Clauses of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, 1913.

Present—

George Fraser.
Alexander Hamilton.
Robert Lambie.
William Love.
William Neilson.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Templeton.
James Tonner.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to Middle Ward District Committee.

Chairman. Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of meetings of the sub-committee, of dates 19th and 27th March, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the sub-committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed by the chairman.

Report by Clerk of interview with objectors. The Clerk reported that subsequent to the last meeting of the Sub-Committee he had prepared a statement (Appendix) of the nature desired by the Opponents represented at that meeting. He had along with the Chairman and Mr. Whyte, the District Clerk, also had an interview with these Opponents and their Agents in Mr. France's office in Glasgow, when the Statement had been submitted to the meeting and full information had been furnished to enable the Opponents to consider proposals for a compromise. He expected that the objectors would to-day make some proposal.

Proposals now submitted by opponents. The representatives of the Opponents who were in attendance then entered the meeting. Mr. Mitchell (of Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyd's, Limited), again spoke on their behalf. Mr. Mitchell stated that since last meeting the Opponents represented to-day had had several meetings amongst themselves and had, not without some difficulty, agreed to put forward as a basis for a compromise, the following proposal, viz.: that for the purpose of the domestic rate under section 38 of the Order, the valuation of mines, minerals, and public works should be held to be one-eighth of their annual valuation as entered in the Valuation Roll. It was also to be understood that clause 34 of the Order would be deleted, and that clause 38 (6) would be so modified as to make it clear that as regards public works each subject entered in the Valuation Roll would, for the purpose of assessment be treated as one, and that (*e.g.*) there should be

no allocation as between, say, engine-houses and other parts of the work. Mr. Mitchell further stated that some of the Opponents would have preferred that any contribution to be made by them should be in the shape of an increase on the public water rate, imposed on a sliding scale, rising with any increase in the domestic water rate.

The sub-committee having expressed the opinion that the proposals put forward by Mr. Mitchell did not offer a basis for a compromise, and a general discussion having ensued, in which the views of the sub-committee as to the basis of a compromise that might meet with acceptance having been indicated, Mr. Mitchell stated that the Opponents desired an opportunity of considering whether any further proposals could be made which would lead to a settlement, and the members of the sub-committee then left the room that the Opponents might have the opportunity of conferring together in private.

Amended proposals submitted.

On the members of the sub-committee returning to the room, Mr. Mitchell reported that, having further considered the matter, the opponents now put forward the following amended proposals, viz.:—that mines and minerals should be rated for the domestic rate on a deduction of 82½ per cent. of their annual value; that public works should be rated on a deduction of 75 per cent. of their annual value; and that a clause should be inserted for the protection of the Coltness Iron Company, Ltd., to the effect that so long as the Coltness Iron Company, Ltd., maintained their existing private source of supply and agreed to make no call for a supply on the Middle Ward Water Undertaking, their works should be placed on the same footing as mines and minerals as regards the domestic rate.

The representatives of the Petitioners present were, Mr. Mitchell stated, unable to bind their constituents definitely, but they undertook to recommend their constituents to agree to a settlement on the terms stated by him.

The Opponents having again expressed their indebtedness to the sub-committee for allowing them this further opportunity of conferring with them withdrew.

Proposals considered satisfactory.

The sub-committee thereafter took into consideration the proposals put forward by Mr. Mitchell, and having ascertained their financial effect, and carefully compared them with the suggestions that the sub-committee had themselves tentatively agreed upon, unanimously agreed to recommend the Parliamentary Bills Committee to accept these as a basis for a settlement.

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COUNTY OF LANARK.

MIDDLE WARD WATER ORDER, 1913.

Total Maintenance Expenditure on existing Undertaking for 1912-13, raised as follows:—				£45,112 0 0
Public Rate at 3d. per £ on Valuation, ...	Owners, £1,167,000			
	Occupiers, 1,064,900		£14,350 0 0	
Domestic Rate at 1/1 per £ on Valuation, ...	Owners, 418,800			
	Occupiers, 371,400		21,412 0 0	
			£35,762 0 0	
Specia Water Charges, &c., ...			10,000 0 0	
				£45,762 0 0
Estimated Maintenance Expenditure under Draft Order:—				
Cost of new works, £400,000 at 4¼ per cent. for Sinking Fund and Interest, ...				£17,000 0 0
Maintenance, ...				3,000 0 0
				£20,000 0 0
Add amount raised at present from Domestic Rate, as above, ...				21,412 0 0
Total amount now to be raised from Domestic Rate, ...				£41,412 0 0

Note.—No allowance has been made for the sale of surplus water, which is entirely problematical.

Domestic Rate required to meet above expenditure on basis of 1892 rating, ... 2s. 1d. per £.

If rating clauses in present Order are passed, the valuations assessable to the Domestic Rate will be increased by the following:—

		Gross Valuation.	Assessable Valuation.
Assessable valuation on one-fourth of gross valuation, ...	Railways and Tram Lines, ...	£74,106 0 0	£18,526 0 0
	Water Pipes, ...	13,181 0 0	3,295 0 0
	Mines, Minerals, and Quarries, ...	311 064 0 0	77,766 0 0
Assessable valuation is gross valuation, ...	Public Works, ...	93,047 0 0	93.047 0 0
	Railway Stations and Railway and Tramway Depots and Buildings, ...	20,911 0 0	20,911 0 0
	Other subjects (excluding Agricultural subjects),	46,587 0 0	46,587 0 0
		£558,896 0 0	£260,132 0 0

Increased assessable valuation, say, ...		£260,000	0 0
Present assessable valuation, ...		400,000	0 0
Total assessable valuation under Draft Order, ...		£660,000	0 0
The Expenditure would be as before, ...		£41,412	0 0
Plus loss of Special Water Charges consequent upon Domestic Assessment in lieu thereof being taken under Draft Order from following subjects :—			
Mines, Minerals, and Quarries, ...	£502 0 0		
Public Works, ...	1,429 0 0		
Other subjects, ...	1,529 0 0		
		3,460	0 0
		£44,872	0 0

Equal to a Domestic Rate on an assessable valuation of £660,000 of 1s. 4d. per £.

The amounts raised from each class of subjects at the above rate per £ would be as follows :—

	Gross Valuation.	Assessable Valuation.	Assessment at 1s. 4d. per £.	Equal to rate per £ on gross valuation.
House Property, &c., as at present, say, ...	£400,000	£400,000	£26,666	1/4·00d.
Railways and Tramways, ... {Lines, / Stations,	74,106 / 20,911	39,437	2,629	6·64d.
Water Pipes, ...	13,181	3,295	220	4·00d.
Mines, Minerals, and Quarries, ...	311,064	77,766	5,184	4·00d.
Public Works, ...	93,047	93,047	6,203	1/4·00d.
Other Subjects (excluding Agricultural Subjects),	46,587	46,587	3,106	1/4·00d.
	£958,896	£660,132	£44,008	

If an addition of 3d. per £ were made to the existing Public Rate, the additional sum raised from each Class of subjects would be as follows :—

	Valuation.	Amount of Additional Assessment.
House Property, &c., ...	£400,000	£5,000
Railways and Tramways {Lines, £74,106 / Stations, £20,911}	95,017	1,188
Water Pipes, ...	13,181	165
Mines, Minerals, and Quarries, ...	311,064	3,888
Public Works, ...	93,047	1,163
Agricultural Lands, ...	137,000	1,200
Other Subjects, ...	46,587	582
		£13,186

Effect on Domestic Rate of addition of 3d. per £ on Public Rate :—

Total amount required to be raised by Assessment, ...		£41,412	0 0
Deduct additional Public Rate as above, ...		13,186	0 0
Leaving to be raised by Domestic Rate, ...		£28,226	0 0

Equivalent to a Domestic Rate on present valuation of £400,000 of 1/5d. per £.

Note —The Domestic Consumers would thus pay 1/11d. per £ (Public Rate, 6d., and Domestic Rate, 1/5d.), and the non-Domestic Consumer, 6d. per £.

March, 1913.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

County Offices,
Hamilton, *29th April, 1913.*

Sir,

I am to intimate that the Statutory May Meeting of the County Council will be held in the County Hall, Lanark, *on Thursday, 8th proximo, at Twelve o'clock noon,* for the purpose of receiving and disposing of the Minutes and Reports of Committees, and any communications from the District Committees, and of appointing Committees, Commissions, and Boards so far as these fall to be then appointed.

The Council may, if they so resolve, proceed, in terms of Section 33 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, to fill the vacancy in the Lesmahagow Electoral Division of the County caused by the resignation of Mr. John D. Scott.

It will fall to the meeting to appoint, in terms of the Licensing Order, 1913, made by the Secretary for Scotland, an additional member of the Licensing Court for No. III. (Bellshill) District of the Middle Ward and an additional member of the Middle Ward Appeal Court rendered necessary by the increase of the population of that district.

The Council will also be asked to appoint 14 members of the Insurance Committee for the County, and in addition two other members who must be duly qualified medical practitioners.

Prints of the Minutes of Special Meetings of the Council held on 29th January and 16th April, 1913, are sent herewith.

Prints of Minutes of Committees and of Reports, &c., will be sent to you before the date of Meeting.

The Meeting may take up any other competent business.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

P.S.—A Meeting of the Standing Joint-Committee of the County will be held in the County Hall, Lanark, immediately after the Meeting of the Commissioners of Supply of the County, which is to be held on the same day, at Two o'clock p.m., for the appointment of a Chairman and Sub-Committees, and the transaction of other business

COUNTY OF LANARK.

STATUTORY MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD IN THE

COUNTY HALL, LANARK,

On THURSDAY, 8th MAY, 1913,

AT TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON.

AGENDA.

1. Chair to be taken.

2. Sederunt to be taken.

3. Statutory Authority for and Notice of Meeting to be read.

4. Minutes of the following Special Meetings of the Council :—

   (1) 29th January, 1913 (House Letting and Rating).
   (2) 29th January, 1913 (Ordinary business).
   (3) 16th April, 1913 (Middle Ward Water Order).

5. If so agreed, fill up vacancy in the representation of Lesmahagow Electoral Division caused by the resignation of Mr. John D. Scott.

6. Submit Licensing Order, 1913--

   (*a*) Appoint additional member of Licensing Court for No. III. (Bellshill) District of Middle Ward.

   (*b*) Appoint additional member of Appeal Court for Middle Ward.

7. Insurance Committee for County as constituted by Scottish Insurance Commissioners.

   Appoint—

   (*a*) 14 members.
   (*b*) 2 members who must be duly qualified medical practitioners.

8. Communication from Lower Ward District Committee regarding salary of District Clerk and Treasurer.

9. Appoint representative to Marshall Trust in room of Mr. Peter M. Martin.

10. Report of Consent by the Standing Joint-Committee.

11. Report of the County Road Board.

12 Report by Committee on Readjustment of Electoral Divisions, &c.

13. Annual Report by Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

14. Reports of County Analyst under Food and Drugs Acts for quarters ending 31st December, 1912, and 31st March, 1913.

15. Reports of Analyst under Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act for quarters ending 31st December, 1912, and 31st March, 1913.

16. Return of Expenses of Deputations, &c., for 1912.

17. Report by County Medical Officer for 1912 to be submitted in draft.

18. Reports by District Sanitary Inspectors for 1912—

(1) Upper Ward.

(2) Middle Ward (submitted in draft).

(3) Lower Ward.

19. Minutes of the following Committees:—

(1) General Purposes Committee, of dates 29th January, 19th February, 12th March, and 2nd April, 1913.

Sub-Committee regarding Shotts Public Hall, of date 25th February, 1913.

(2) Parliamentary Bills Committee, of dates 29th January, 10th and 26th February, 12th and 19th March, and 4th April, 1913.

Sub-Committee on Arrangements consequent upon Glasgow Boundaries Act, &c., of dates 4th December, 1912, 16th and 22nd January, and 2nd, 9th, and 23rd April, 1913.

Sub-Committee on Lanarkshire Tramways, of dates 29th January and 9th April, 1913.

Sub-Committee on Blantyre Gas, of dates 5th and 19th February, and 9th April, 1913.

Sub-Committee on Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, of dates 19th and 27th March, and 4th, 11th, and 23rd April, 1913.

(3) Fire Brigades Committee, of date 29th January, 1913.

Sub-Committee on Telephones, of date 22nd January, 1913.

(4) Finance Committee, of dates 5th February, 5th March, and 2nd and 23rd April, 1913.

Resolutions to borrow the following monies viz. :—

(*a*) £17,400 for the construction of intercepting and outfall sewers and sewage tanks at Threeneuk in connection with the Cambuslang Special Drainage District.

(*b*) £2,500 for the provision of additional accommodation at Stonehouse Hospital.

(*c*) £200 for the provision of additional accommodation at the District Offices, Hamilton.

(*d*) £170 for the extension of sewer in Peveril Avenue and erection of ventilating shafts at Burnside within Rutherglen (Landward) Special Drainage District.

(*e*) £162 for the completion of Airbles Highway Improvement near Middle Ward Hospital.

(*f*) £450 for the completion of the recent additions at Shotts Hospital, including the cost of heating, &c., plant.

(*g*) £1,396 for the completion of the recent additions at Stonehouse Hospital, including the cost of heating, &c., plant.

(*h*) £500 for the laying of 760 yards of 5-inch steel tubes to lead in additional springs to the Lesmahagow Special Water Supply District.

(*i*) £3,100 for the provision of additional ward accommodation at Bothwell Hospital, Bellshill.

(*j*) £1,950 for the provision of an additional wooden pavilion, &c., at Shotts Hospital.

(*k*) £682 7s. for the construction of works necessary for the protection of the high level water tanks at Craigend, within the South Cadder Special Water District.

(*l*) £110 for the laying of a fireclay pipe sewer in the bed of the burn alongside Drumcavil Road within the Chryston and Muirhead Special Drainage District.

Sub-Committee on Airdrie Sheriff Court Houses, of date 22nd January, 1913.

Sub-Committee on Remuneration of Collectors of County Rates, of dates 5th and 26th March, and 16th April, 1913.

(5) Executive Committee, of dates 5th February, 5th March, and 2nd April, 1913.

Meeting with other Counties on Tuberculosis Order, of date 14th April, 1913.

(6) Joint-Committee on Cambuslang Electric Lighting, &c., of dates 5th February and 23rd April, 1913.

(7) Committee on National Insurance Act, of date 5th February, 1913.

(8) Joint-Committee on Housing and Town-Planning, of date 5th February, 1913.

(9) Sub-Committee on Lanark Court Houses, &c., of dates 17th February and 17th March, 1913.

(10) County Road Board, of dates 26th February and 30th April, 1913.

(11) Weights and Measures Committee, of dates 26th February, 26th March, and 23rd April, 1913.

(12) Committee on Relations of Standing Joint-Committee, of dates 26th February and 26th March, and 30th April, 1913.

Joint Meetings of Committees of County Council and of Sub-Committee of Standing Joint-Committee regarding Powers and Duties of Standing Joint-Committee, of dates 2nd and 9th April, 1913.

(13) Public Health Committee, of dates 5th March and 9th April, 1913.

Sub-Committee on Middle Ward Building Bye-Laws, of date 22nd January, 1913.

Sub-Committee on Milk Standard, of date 26th February, 1913.

(14) Committee regarding Future Use of Hairmyres Reformatory, of date 5th March, 1913.

(15) Joint-Committee on Provision of Sanatoria, of date 5th March, 1913.

Sub-Committee, of dates 19th March and 16th April, 1913.

(16) Committee on Appeals against Assessments, Upper Ward, of date 17th March, 1913; Airdrie District, of date 19th March, 1913; Hamilton District, of date 19th March, 1913; Lower Ward, of date 19th March, 1913.

(17) Explosives Committee (Airdrie District), of dates 20th December, 1912, and 2nd April, 1913.

(18) Explosives Committee (Hamilton District), of date 31st January, 1913.

(19) Joint-Bridges Committee, of date 16th February, 1912.

20. Appoint the following committees, &c. :—

(1) Quota (not exceeding seven) of Standing Joint Committee.

(2) Executive Committee under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

(3) Finance Committee.

(4) Valuation Committees for the Upper, Middle, and Lower Wards.

(The Committees appointed will be asked to appoint their chairman and fix their first meeting).

(5) Committee on Hamilton Court Houses and County Buildings.

(6) Committee on Lanark Court Houses and County Buildings.

(7) County's quota of Glasgow Court Houses Commission.

(8) Committee on Parliamentary Bills.

(9) Committee on Fire Brigades.

(10) Committees under the Explosives Act.

(11) Committee on Weights and Measures.

(12) Public Health Committee.

(13) Committee on Special Districts, &c.

(14) Committee under Inebriates Acts.

(15) Quota of Joint-Committee on Cambuslang Electric Lighting and Refuse Destruction Works.

(16) Committee on Electric Lighting Orders.

(17) General Purposes Committee.

(18) Committee on National Insurance Act.

(19) Representatives to County Councils Associations.

(20) Business Committee.

(21) Any other Committees whose remits have not been exhausted.

21. Communication from District Committee of Upper Ward, of date 18th March, 1913, regarding salary of District Clerk and Treasurer.

22. Communication from Secretary, War Office, London, of date 25th April, 1913, transmitting copies of new Scheme made by Army Council for the Constitution of the Territorial Force Association of the County of Lanark.

23. Documents for signature:—

1. Charter of Novodamus and Feu Charter by Robert Lockhart Alston in favour of the County Council in connection with Stonehouse Hospital.

2. Specification for the proposed Tramways between Uddingston, New Stevenston, and Holytown.

3. Bond for use of Motor Spirit on Fire Brigade Engines free of duty.

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MINUTES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At GLASGOW, and within the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 29th January, 1913, at One o'clock p.m., being a Special General Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark, intimated and called in terms of the Notice hereinafter inserted. 29th January, 1913.

Present—

John Adam.
James Anderson.
Thomas Arnot.
J. Raeside Auld.
William Barr.
Colonel Buchanan.
James Cameron.
W. W. Chapman.
Walter C. B. Christie.
William Davie.
Sir Nathaniel Dunlop.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
Alexander Hamilton.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
John Jackson.
Robert Lambie.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart.
Colonel Logan.
William Love.
D. Kinloch Michie.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
William Neilson.
Alexander Pillans.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
Gavin A. Shanks.
William Speirs.
James Steele.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
John Todd.
George Stalker.
William L. Dyer.
Charles A. Easson.
James Thomson Macdonald.

Colonel King Stewart, Convener of the County, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting, which was in the following terms, viz.:— *Notice calling meeting.*

County Offices,
Hamilton, 25*th January*, 1913.

Sir,

HOUSE LETTING AND RATING (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1911.

I enclose copy of a Notice which has been advertised in accordance with the Statute, calling a Special Meeting of the County Council, to be held within the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, Glasgow (entrance by 40 Wilson Street), on Wednesday next, 29th current, at One o'clock p.m., for the purpose of adopting, if so resolved, the provisions of the House Letting and

Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911, within all or any of the following Special Districts, formed under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, or the Local Government (Scotland) Acts, 1889 to 1908, for the purposes of Drainage, Lighting, or Scavenging:—

Within the District of the Upper Ward—

(1) LEADHILLS SPECIAL SCAVENGING DISTRICT.

Within the District of the Middle Ward—

(2) GLENGOWAN AND CALDERCRUIX SPECIAL LIGHTING DISTRICT.
(3) SHOTTS AND DYKEHEAD SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911. — Recommendations of Finance Committee.

The Clerk reminded the meeting of the provisions of the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911, and submitted a report by the Finance Committee of the County Council containing recommendations that the provisions of the said Act should be adopted within the Special Districts undernoted.

Agreed to adopt provisions of Act.

The Convener of the County moved, in terms of the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the Council adopt the provisions of the Act within the said Special Districts, which was seconded by Mr. William Neilson, and unanimously agreed to.

Resolution.

The meeting thereafter resolved to adopt, and hereby adopt, the provisions of the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911, within the Special Districts above referred to, that is to say—

Within the District of the Upper Ward.

(1) Leadhills Special Scavenging District.

Within the District of the Middle Ward.

(2) Glengowan and Caldercruix Special Lighting District.
(3) Shotts and Dykehead Special Drainage District.

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MINUTES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At GLASGOW, and within the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 29th January, 1913, at Half-past One o'clock p.m., being a Special General Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark, intimated and called in terms of the Notice hereinafter inserted. 29th January, 1913.

Present—

John Adam.
James Anderson.
Thomas Arnot.
J. Raeside Auld.
William Barr.
Colonel Buchanan.
James Cameron.
W. W. Chapman.
Walter C. B. Christie.
William Davie.
Sir Nathaniel Dunlop.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
Alexander Hamilton.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
John Jackson.
Robert Lambie.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart.
Colonel Logan.
William Love.
D. Kinloch Michie.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
William Neilson.
Alexander Pillans.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
Gavin A. Shanks.
William Speirs.
James Steele.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
John Todd.
George Stalker.
William L. Dyer.
Charles A. Easson.
James Thomson Macdonald.

Colonel King Stewart, Convener of the County, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting, which was in the following terms, viz. :— *Notice calling meeting.*

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 18*th January*, 1913.

Sir,

I am to request your attendance at a Special Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark to be held within the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, Glasgow (entrance by 40 Wilson Street),

29th January, 1913.

on Wednesday, 29th current, at 1.30 *o'clock afternoon*, or immediately after the Special Meeting of the Council, which has been convened for 1.15 p.m. the same day, for the purpose of considering and disposing of Reports and Minutes of Committees, copies of which will be sent to you before the date of meeting, and for transacting any other competent business.

I append a Notice of Motion which has been handed to me.

A Print of the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Council held on 11th ultimo will be sent to you before the date of meeting.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

Notice of Motion by Mr. Alexander Hamilton, countersigned by Mr. William Love :—

"That we appoint a Committee (along with the Clerk) to consider as to the powers "and duties of the Standing Joint-Committee, and report to the first meeting "of Council."

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Council, held on 11th December, 1912, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council, were approved of and signed.

Minutes of Committees.

The following minutes of Committees and Sub-Committees, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council, were laid before the meeting, viz. :—

(1) Executive Committee, of dates 11th December, 1912, and 15th January, 1913.

(2) Joint-Committee on National Insurance Act, of date 18th December, 1912.

(3) General Purposes Committee, of dates 18th December, 1912, and 22nd January, 1913.

(4) Public Health Committee, of date 8th January, 1913.

(5) Finance Committee, of date 8th January, 1913.

(6) Parliamentary Bills Committee, of dates 8th and 16th January, 1913.
Sub-Committee on Lanarkshire Tramways, of date 8th January, 1913.
Sub-Committee on Blantyre Gas, of date 8th January, 1913.

(7) Committee on Hamilton Court Houses, &c., of date 14th January, 1913.

(8) Committee on Fire Brigades, of date 15th January, 1913.

(9) Committee on Lanark Court Houses, &c., of date 20th January, 1913.

(10) Weights and Measures Committee, of date 22nd January, 1913.

Applications relative to borrowing.

The meeting resolved, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Finance Committee, to borrow the following sums on the security of the rates chargeable therewith, subject to the consent of the Standing Joint-Committee being obtained, in terms of the Statute, and it was remitted to the Finance Committee to obtain the amounts when required, and to fix the time or times within which they shall be repaid, and the meeting authorised

the Convener or Vice-Convener and the Clerk to sign the minutes attached to the several applications, viz. :—

(*a*) £150 for addition of boiler-house, coal cellar, &c., at Carluke Public Slaughter-house.

(*b*) £417 11s. for completion of scheme for Forth Special Water District.

(*c*) £15,200 for the provision and erection of additional buildings, &c., at Middle Ward Hospital near Motherwell.

(*d*) £150 for fencing and furnishing, &c., at Blantyre Hospital.

(*e*) (1) £30 6s. 11d. for the acquisition of sewer in Anniesdale Avenue, Stepps; and (2) £96 14s. 11d., being excess capital expenditure in connection with extension of filter beds at Stepps Sewage Purification Works, both within Stepps Special Drainage District.

Approval of Minutes.

The meeting approved of the minutes of the Committees and Sub-Committees above-mentioned.

Motion by Mr. Alexander Hamilton.

In accordance with the notice of motion given by him Mr. Alexander Hamilton moved—"That we appoint a committee (along with the Clerk) to consider as to "the powers and duties of the Standing Joint-Committee, and report to the first "meeting of Council." The motion was seconded by Mr. Love.

Remit to Committee.

The meeting, after discussion, agreed to the motion, and appointed the following committee in terms thereof, viz. :—

Walter C. B. Christie.	William Love.
James H. Fenton.	William Neilson.
Alexander Hamilton.	Colonel King Stewart.

Salary of Clerk and Treasurer of Lower Ward District Committee.

Under reference to minutes of last meeting the Clerk submitted and read a communication from Mr. James A. M'Callum, Clerk to the District Committee of the Lower Ward, which was in the following terms, viz. :—

"15 West George Street,
"Glasgow, 17th January, 1913.

"DEAR SIR,

"I submitted your letter of the 12th ultimo, stating that the County Council at their meeting on the 11th ultimo, agreed not to approve of the salary of the District Clerk and Treasurer as fixed by the District Committee, to the last meeting of the District Committee, and I annex an excerpt from the minutes of their Meeting of new fixing the salary as therein mentioned, and I shall be glad if you will submit the matter to the next meeting of the County Council with the view to their approving of the salary as fixed by the District Committee.

"Yours faithfully,

(Signed) "JAS. A. M'CALLUM.

"*Annexation referred to.*

"A letter of date 12th ultimo, from Mr. Thomas Munro, County Clerk, was submitted, stating that the County Council, at their meeting on 11th ultimo, agreed not to approve of the salary of the Clerk and Treasurer as fixed by the District Committee.

"The Chairman suggested that the matter should be considered in private, and after members had expressed their views, Mr. Auld moved that the matter be considered in public, which was seconded by Mr. Davie.

"The Chairman moved as an amendment that the matter be considered in private, which was seconded by Mr Christie, and the amendment and motion being put to the

vote, seven voted for the amendment and two for the motion, and the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

"The reporters and officials having withdrawn, the meeting, in obedience to the remit from the County Council, proceeded to reconsider the question of the salary of the District Clerk and Treasurer. After members had severally expressed their views and full consideration of the whole circumstances, the meeting being satisfied that, notwithstanding the effect of the Glasgow Boundaries Act on the Lower Ward, the work of the District Clerk and Treasurer will not be materially reduced, and that it is not practicable to reduce the staff employed by him in the work of the Lower Ward, could not see their way to reduce the salary fixed at last meeting. Accordingly the District Committee of new fixed the salary of the District Clerk and Treasurer at £1,050 per annum, to cover the salaries of the staff (which amounts to £650 per annum) and outlays for office rent, taxes, and assessments, heating, lighting, cleaning, and generally all charges for office accommodation (which amount to £150 per annum additional), the salary to be subject to the approval of the County Council, and to be payable half out of Public Health and half out of Highways Assessments.

"J. A. M."

Communications from Stepps Ratepayers' Association and Ratepayers in Millerston Division.

As relative thereto the Clerk submitted and read communications which had been received from (1) the Stepps Ratepayers' Association, and (2) ratepayers in the Millerston Division of the County.

Matter continued pending receipt of further information.

The meeting, after discussion, agreed to continue the matter for further consideration, and meantime instructed the Clerk to obtain from the District Committee information as to whether the salary named was intended to cover all Parliamentary and legal work, and, if not, to give an estimate of the fees for such work on the basis of the fees paid during the last three years.

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Mr. Fraser having moved the adjournment of the meeting, a vote was taken, when a majority voted against the motion, and the Convener accordingly declared the same to be lost.

Appointment of additional Medical Practitioner on Insurance Committee.—Communication from Clerk to Committee.

The meeting having thereafter resumed consideration of the remaining business, the Clerk submitted a communication, of date 13th instant, which had been received from Mr. W. M. Marshall, Clerk to the County of Lanark Insurance Committee, reminding the Council that they had still to appoint an additional Medical Practitioner on the Insurance Committee.

The meeting agreed to remit this matter, with power, to the Committee of the Council appointed in connection with the National Insurance Act.

Revision of Committees in Lower Ward District.

The Clerk stated that, in consequence of the extension of the boundaries of the City of Glasgow and the inclusion therein of part of the Lower Ward District of the County, several Committees within that district would require revision.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed to make the following alterations, viz.:—

(1) Licensing Court—Mr. Michie's name to be substituted for that of Mr. Wheatley;

(2) Appeal Court—Mr. Davie's name to be added, along with the Convener and Vice-Convener of the County;

(3) Valuation Committee— } These Committees to consist of the Members
(4) Explosives Committee— } of the County Council on the Lower Ward District Committee.

Livingstone Centenary.—Mr. Pollok's name added to General Purposes Committee.

It was agreed that Mr. James C. Pollok's name be added to the General Purposes Committee for the purpose of considering the action to be taken in connection with the celebration of the Livingstone Centenary.

Deed for signature.

There having been submitted the following document for execution, the meeting authorised any two members of the Council and the Clerk to sign the same in the name and on behalf of the County Council, and instructed the Clerk to attach to it the common seal of the County, viz.:—

Agreement between the County Council and the Electrical Power Storage Company, Limited, with regard to the maintenance of the Storage Battery at the Cambuslang Electricity Works.

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MINUTES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At GLASGOW, and within the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, there on Wednesday, 16th April, 1913, being a Special Meeting of the County Council of the County of Lanark, intimated and called in terms of the Notice hereinafter inserted. 16th April, 1913.

Present—

John Adam.
James Anderson.
Thomas Arnot.
William Barr.
John Baxter.
W. W. Chapman.
Walter C. B. Christie.
Thomas G. Cowan.
William Davie.
James H. Fenton.
George Fraser.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
John Jackson.
Robert Lambie.
Colonel Logan.
John Loudon.
William Love.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
William Neilson.
Alexander Pillans.
James C. Pollok.
James Prentice.
Gavin A. Shanks.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
William Templeton.
John Todd.
James Tonner.
William L. Dyer.
Charles A. Easson.
William M. Marshall.
Thomas Davie.

James T. MacDonald.

Colonel King Stewart of Murdostoun, Convener of the County, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk read the notice calling the meeting, which was in the following terms:— *Notice calling meeting.*

County Offices,
Hamilton, *8th April, 1913.*

Sir,

I am to intimate that a Special Meeting of the County Council of this County will be held within the Sheriff's Ordinary Court, County Buildings, Glasgow (entrance by 40 Wilson Street), *on Wednesday, 16th current, at 2 o'clock afternoon,* for the purpose of receiving a report by the Parliamentary Bills Committee on the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, 1913.

16th April, 1913.

Prints of the minutes of the last meeting of County Council, and of the Parliamentary Bills Committee, will be sent to you before the date of meeting.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Mr. James Steele and Mr. D. Kinloch Michie.

Minutes of Special Meeting on 29th January.

The minutes of the Special General Meeting of the County Council, of date 29th January last, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Council, having been submitted, were approved of as correct, and signed

Minutes and Report of Parliamentary Bills Committee.

On the motion of the Convener, the Standing Orders were unanimously suspended, and there was submitted to the meeting the minutes of meetings of the Parliamentary Bills Committee and its Sub-Committees from 29th January last to 4th April inclusive, along with the Report by the Parliamentary Bills Committee to the meeting in regard to the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, 1913.

Minutes approved.—Remit continued.

On the motion of Mr. Fraser, the meeting approved of the minutes of the Parliamentary Bills Committee and its Sub-Committees above mentioned, and of the Report, and remitted to the Parliamentary Bills Committee to take such further steps as might be necessary in connection with the promotion of the Order.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

REPORT OF THE STANDING JOINT-COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY OF LANARK, IN PURSUANCE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1889, IN RELATION TO CAPITAL WORKS, AND TO THE BORROWING OF THE SUMS NECESSARY TO MEET THE EXPENSE THEREOF.

Since the date of their Report of Consent made to the County Council at the meeting of the Council held on 11th December last, the Standing Joint-Committee have given their consent to the following capital works, and to the borrowing of the sums aftermentioned for the respective capital works referred to, so far as it may be found necessary to borrow the same, and that by way of loans, to be repaid within the periods prescribed by the several Statutes administered by the County Council, the loans and interest thereof in each case to be charged to the appropriate rates levied in the several districts aftermentioned, viz.:—

Upper Ward.

(1) Addition of boiler-house, coal cellar, &c., at Carluke Public Slaughter-house, at an estimated cost of £150.

(2) Completion of scheme for supplying Forth Special Water District, £417 11s.

Middle Ward.

(1) The provision and erection of additional buildings, &c., at Middle Ward Hospital, near Motherwell, at an estimated cost of £15,200.

(2) Fencing and furnishing, &c., at Blantyre Hospital, at an estimated cost of £150.

(3) The construction of intercepting and outfall sewers and sewage tanks at Threeneuk in connection with the Cambuslang Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £17,400.

(4) The provision of additional accommodation at Stonehouse Hospital, at an estimated cost of £2,500.

(5) The provision of additional accommodation at the District Offices, Hamilton, at an estimated cost of £200.

(6) The completion of Airbles Highway improvement, near Middle Ward Hospital, at an estimated cost of £162.

(7) The completion of the recent additions at Shotts Hospital, including the cost of heating, &c., plant, at an estimated cost of £450.

(8) The completion of the recent additions at Stonehouse Hospital, including the cost of heating, &c., plant, at an estimated cost of £1,396.

Lower Ward.

(1) The laying of a sewer in Lindsaybeg Road, within the Chryston and Muirhead Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £70.

(2) (*a*) The acquisition of sewer in Anniesdale Avenue, Stepps, at a cost of £30 6s. 11d., and (*b*) excess capital expenditure in connection with extension of filter beds at Stepps Sewage Purification Works, £96 14s. 11d., both within Stepps Special Drainage District.

(3) The extension of sewer in Peveril Avenue and the erection of ventilating shafts at Burnside within the Rutherglen (Landward) Special Drainage District, at an estimated cost of £170.

THE COUNTY.

Completing the provision of fire hydrants in the District of the Middle Ward, at an estimated cost of £200.

The committee have also given their consent to the undertaking of the following capital works, viz. :—

MIDDLE WARD.

(1) Widening and improvement at junction of the Shielhill and Uppertown Highways near Longriggend Hospital, in the Parish of New Monkland, at an estimated cost of £60.

(2) Widening and improvement of the Brousterland Brae on the Auldhouse Road, East Kilbride, at an estimated cost of £157.

(3) Widening and improvement of Calderhead and Hillhouseridge Highway at Dykehead, in the Parish of Shotts, at an estimated cost of £85.

(4) The widening and improvement of the Lanark and Hamilton Highway at Highlees in the Parish of Dalserf at an estimated cost of £50.

(5) An improvement at the junction of the Glasgow and Carlisle Highway and the Machan Highway at Larkhall in the Parish of Dalserf at an estimated cost of £30.

WM. NEILSON,

WALTER C. B. CHRISTIE,

Two Members of the Standing Joint-Committee.

THOS. MUNRO,

County Clerk.

May, 1913.

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COUNTY OF LANARK.

REPORT OF CONSENT

BY THE

STANDING JOINT-COMMITTEE

TO

CAPITAL WORKS AND BORROWING

TO BE SUBMITTED TO

STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNTY

COUNCIL

ON

THURSDAY, 8th MAY, 1913.

THE COUNTY CLERK.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

REPORT

OF

THE COUNTY ROAD BOARD

TO THE

STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

Thursday, 8th May, 1913.

ADDITIONS TO THE LISTS OF HIGHWAYS.

The Board recommend that the County Council should, at this meeting, declare that the following roads, which, at the commencement of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, were not maintained out of the public funds derived from tolls or assessments or other sources of revenue, shall be highways within the meaning and for the purposes of that Act, and, as such, be added to the lists of roads, highways, and bridges, made up in terms of Section 41 thereof, viz.:—

IN THE DISTRICT OF THE MIDDLE WARD.

Parish of Avondale—

Ryeland Station Road, extending from its junction with East and West Highway, via Ryeland Station, to its junction with Waterhead, Peelhill, and Linbank (No. 5 Branch) Highway, a distance of 2 furlongs 120 yards or thereby.

Parish of Bothwell—

Holytown Station Road, from Measleybush Highway, northwards, a distance of 1 furlong 13 yards or thereby.

IN THE DISTRICT OF THE LOWER WARD.

Parishes of Cadder and Glasgow—

(1) Brackenbrae Road, from Kirkintilloch Road to Brackenbrae Avenue, a distance of 152 yards or thereby.

(2) Brackenbrae Avenue, from Kenmure Avenue to a point about 123 yards south-westwards from Brackenbrae Road, a distance of 1 furlong 211 yards or thereby.

(3) Kenmure Avenue, from Kirkintilloch Road to Brackenbrae Avenue, a distance of 162 yards or thereby.

R. K. STEWART,
Chairman.

May, 1913.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

REPORT

OF

THE COUNTY ROAD BOARD

TO

THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL,

TO BE HELD ON

Thursday, 8th May, 1913.

THE COUNTY CLERK.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED AT THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 10TH OCTOBER, 1912, TO CONSIDER AND REPORT ON THE QUESTION OF THE RE-ADJUSTMENT OF THE ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF THE LOWER WARD, CONSEQUENT UPON THE EXTENSION OF THE CITY OF GLASGOW, AND PROPOSALS FOR ALTERATIONS OF ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OR PARISH WARDS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY.

The Committee have had several meetings and have given very full consideration to the matters remitted to them.

In addition to the question of the re-adjustment of the Electoral Divisions of the Lower Ward, they have had submitted to them representations from—

(1) The Parish Council of Dalserf, for the division of that Parish into three Electoral Divisions instead of two;

(2) The Parish Council of Cambuslang, for the division of that Parish into four Electoral Divisions instead of three; and

(3) The Parish Council of Blantyre, for the division of that Parish into three Electoral Divisions instead of two.

District of Lower Ward.—Electoral Divisions.

Dealing first with the question of the re-adjustment of the Electoral Divisions of the Lower Ward, the Committee desire to place before the Council the position of matters anterior to the recent extension of the City of Glasgow.

This Committee then consisted of twenty-eight members, as follows:—

8	members	representing	Landward	Electoral	Divisions.
15	,,	,,	Burghal	,,	,,
5	,,	,,	Parish Councils.		

By the inclusion of the Burghs of Govan and Partick within the City, the District Committee now consists only of the members representing the Landward Electoral Divisions and the representatives from the Parish Councils, being thirteen in all.

As the Council are aware, the Glasgow Boundaries Act, 1912, also involved a serious encroachment on the Landward area, with the result that the North and South Shettleston Electoral Divisions have been greatly reduced in size and population, the electorate in the former division being reduced from 2,040 to 615, and in the latter from 3,389 to 74.

For obvious reasons, the small isolated portion of Govan Parish cannot long remain a separate Electoral Division of the County, nor is it desirable to continue what remains of the South Shettleston Electoral Division as a separate unit for County Council purposes. Consequently, it may be anticipated that unless a readjustment of the Electoral Divisions is effected, the number of members of the District Committee must shortly be reduced to ten members, the Landward portion of the Parish of Govan being at present represented by a County Councillor and a member from the Parish Council.

The Committee believe that it will be the desire of the Council, that the existing Local Government districts should not be disturbed, and that the District Committee of the Lower Ward should consist of a number of members sufficient to deal efficiently with the affairs of the district, which owing to its proximity to the City of Glasgow, is likely to increase rapidly in population, and will require the close and constant attention of its representatives.

Having in view all these circumstances, the Committee would recommend that the number of members of the District Committee should not be reduced to less than thirteen, at which it presently stands, and they submit the following scheme for a re-adjustment of the Electoral Divisions which would provide for this :—

	Electors.
Rutherglen (comprising the landward portion of the Parish of Rutherglen to the east of the Burgh of Rutherglen), about -	600
Carmunnock (comprising the Parish of Carmunnock and the remaining portion of the Parish of Rutherglen—landward), about -	350
Possil (comprising the existing Possil Electoral Division and the Possil Parish Ward of Cadder Parish), about - - - - -	760
Millerston and Stepps (comprising the existing Millerston Electoral Division and the Stepps Parish Ward of Cadder Parish), about	830
Shettleston (comprising what remains of the old North and South Shettleston Electoral Divisions), about - - - - - -	700
Bishopbriggs (comprising the Bishopbriggs Parish Ward of Cadder Parish), about - - - - - - - - - - -	650
Lenzie (comprising the existing Lenzie Parish Ward of Cadder Parish and a portion of existing Chryston Parish Ward),	300 to 400
Gartcosh (comprising existing Gartcosh Parish Ward of Cadder Parish and a portion of Chryston Parish Ward), about - -	500
Chryston (comprising existing Chryston Parish Ward, excluding portions to be included in Lenzie and Gartcosh Divisions) about - - - - - - - - - - - -	800

In the event of the small landward portion of Govan Parish remaining in the County when the next election of the County Council takes place, it is recommended that it should cease to form a separate Electoral Division, and be included within the Rutherglen Electoral Division.

The Committee, in submitting the above scheme for the approval of the County Council, recognise that the circumstances of the Lower Ward are exceptional, and at the present time transitional. They feel assured that the Council, in considering the matter, will appreciate the reasons for conceding to that district more generous representation on the Council than it would be entitled to if regard were only paid to a comparison of the number of electors in that district as compared with the other districts in the County.

District of the Lower Ward.—Parish Wards (Glasgow Landward).

Prior to the recent extension of the City of Glasgow, the landward portion of the Parish of Glasgow was represented on the Parish Council by four members, *i.e.*, one representative from each of the four Parish Wards into which the landward portion of the Parish was divided, viz. :—Possil, Millerston, North Shettleston, and South Shettleston, each of these being an electoral division for County Council purposes.

In consequence of the abstraction from the landward portion of the Parish of a considerable part of the area and a large proportion of the population, a reduction of its representation on the Parish Council naturally follows.

As a result of communications and meetings with the Corporation of the City of Glasgow and the Glasgow Parish Council, it is proposed that meantime the representation of the landward portion of the Parish should consist of three members, that is, one for each of Possil, Millerston, and Shettleston Wards, the last-mentioned Ward comprising what remains of the old North and South Shettleston Wards.

The Committee in framing the above scheme for the re-adjustment of the Electoral Divisions of the Lower Ward have had regard to the arrangement suggested with reference to Parish Wards, and they would respectfully recommend the County Council to approve of the arrangement.

Parishes of Dalserf, Cambuslang, and Blantyre.—Electoral Divisions.

The Committee have also given very full consideration to the proposals submitted by the Parish Councils of Dalserf, Cambuslang and Blantyre for increased representation on the Council, with the result that they are of opinion that the existing arrangements, except in the case of Dalserf Parish, should not be disturbed.

In considering these proposals the Committee would remind the Council that the division of the County into Electoral Divisions is not based on Parish representation, and that it is only where circumstances make it convenient and proper, having regard to population and other considerations, that the Parish boundaries are adopted as describing the limits of an electoral division. It is unnecessary to elaborate this point, as there are numerous instances where whole parishes—and in some cases parts of different parishes—are comprised within the same electoral area for County Council purposes.

The Committee have, therefore, approached this matter from a consideration of the circumstances of the district or locality, apart from the interests of individual parishes, and the reasons which have led them to recommend that no alteration be made meantime of the Electoral Divisions comprised in the Parishes of Cambuslang and Blantyre are :—

(1) That the whole circumstances as affecting the Parish of Cambuslang were fully considered when the question of the Electoral Divisions was last dealt with by the County Council in 1907, when the Parish was divided into three Electoral Divisions instead of two, and that it would be difficult to suggest a more equal division of the Parish than at present exists for County Council purposes, which gives to the Divisions of Hallside, North and South Cambuslang, an electorate of 1,473, 1,461 and 1,773 respectively.

(2) That as regards the Parish of Blantyre, the circumstances are not such as would justify the division of the Parish into three Electoral Divisions, in respect that while the number of electors in the Stonefield Division is only slightly in excess of the average number of electors in the Landward Electoral Divisions of the Middle Ward, the number of electors in the High Blantyre Division is considerably less than the average.

The case of Larkhall is to be differentiated from that of Cambuslang and Blantyre, in respect that the number of electors in the Larkhall Electoral Division exceeds by 800 the average number of electors in the Electoral Divisions in the Middle Ward; and that notwitstanding the great increase in the population of the Larkhall District no alteration has been made since 1891.

The Committee would accordingly recommend that increased representation should be given to the Larkhall District by dividing the Parish of Dalserf into three Electoral Divisions as follows:—The area comprised within the existing Dalserf School Board District to be constituted a separate Electoral Division, with a population of 4,427 and an electorate of about 800, and the remaining portion of the Parish to be divided into two Electoral Divisions, having the following dividing line, viz.:—commencing at Millheugh Bridge, along the centre of Millheugh Brae, thence along the centre of M'Neil Street and Muir Street until the point where Drygate Street is reached, thence along Drygate Street until Station Road is reached, thence along the centre of Station Road, across the railway, and along the centre of the old road to Skellyton Tile Works, thence in a straight line to Skelly Burn, thence down the Skelly Burn to the River Clyde.

It is estimated that each of the two Divisions last described will contain a population of about 7,000, and an electorate of about 1,300.

In connection with the question of the alteration of the particular Electoral Divisions above referred to and as affecting those of the County generally, the Committee would beg to remind the County Council of the following observations made by the Secretary for Scotland when conveying his approval to the proposals submitted to him by the County Council in 1907, viz.:—"that the Secretary for Scotland thinks that frequent alterations in the electoral arrangements are obviously undesirable, but that he is prepared to meet the views of the County Council to the extent indicated above, assuming that the result will be accepted as satisfactory for a reasonable period."

County and Parish Councils' Elections.—Contemplated Alteration of Parish Wards, &c.

The Committee have had before them a communication from the Local Government Board transmitting copy of a circular-letter which the Board have addressed to Parish Councils directing their attention to the desirability of making early intimation to the County Council of any contemplated changes in the Parish Wards.

In response to the Board's circular-letter representations have been received from a few Parish Councils suggesting certain changes in Parish Wards as well as in the number of Parish Councillors, but as it may be anticipated that proposals of a similar nature will be received from other Parishes they have thought it well to defer consideration of proposals already intimated so that the whole of such proposals may be dealt with at one time.

In view of these contemplated alterations, which may be numerous, and of the other arrangements which will fall to be made in connection with the elections of the County Council and Parish Councils in December next, it is recommended that the Committee should be enlarged for this purpose by the addition of seven members, and that full power be conferred upon the Committee, as so enlarged, to make and carry through the arrangements in connection with the elections.

The Committee at the same time recommend that the County Council should, at their meeting in May, appoint the County Clerk to be the Returning Officer, and that it be left to the Committee to fix the scale of expenses, subject to the approval of the Secretary for Scotland.

Application of Monies received from City of Glasgow.

With regard to the remit to the Committee in connection with the application of the money received from the Corporation of Glasgow by way of compensation for loss of territory, the Committee recommend that this matter be continued until the close of the current financial year, when they will be in a better position to estimate more accurately the effect of the disturbance created by the Glasgow Boundaries Act, 1912.

R. K. STEWART,
Chairman of Committee.

NOTE.—The figures given in the above report are based on the number of Parliamentary electors as contained in the Register of Voters last completed, and they are only to be taken as approximate.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

REPORT

BY

COMMITTEE ON READJUSTMENT OF
ELECTORAL DIVISIONS, &c.

THE COUNTY CLERK.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS, 1878 to 1904.

REPORT

BY THE

CHIEF INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

For the Year ending 31st March, 1913.

County of Lanark Weights and Measures Office,
260 Crow Road, Partick, *21st April*, 1913.

To the

Weights and Measures Committee
of the County Council of Lanark.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with No. 10 of the Regulations made by the Board of Trade, pursuant to the Weights and Measures Act, 1904, I herewith beg to submit the Report of the Weights and Measures Department for the year ending 31st March, 1913.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS, 1878 TO 1904.

Out-door Inspection.

In the course of the year, the Inspectors made 3,908 visits to shops and other places of business, and examined 58,651 weights, measures, and weighing instruments, on which I have to report as follows:—34,692 weights, 16,357 measures, and 6,097 weighing instruments were correct; and 785 weights, 264 measures, and 456 weighing instruments required adjusting. Two traders having unjust weighing instruments were reported for prosecution. In one case a conviction was obtained, and in the other case the charge was withdrawn.

At the railway depots, collieries, quarries, and elsewhere, the weigh-bridges used for the sale of coal, &c., were examined and tested. The Inspectors made 218 visits and tested 218 machines, of these, 213 were in good order and 5 required adjusting or repairs.

In-door Department.

The number of weights, measures, and weighing instruments submitted for verification during the year was 34,379. In the offices and stamping stations 28,109 weights and 811 measures were stamped; of which, 27,944 weights and 303 measures were adjusted. On makers' and traders' premises and in the offices and stamping stations 1,442 weighing instruments were verified and stamped. 2,540 weights, 651 measures, and 313 weighing instruments, being correct and already stamped, were returned; no fees were charged for these. 254 weights, 54 measures, and 205 weighing instruments were rejected, being incorrect, or not conform to the Regulations, or unfit for further use.

Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1887.

As required by Statute, the weighing machines at the collieries which are used for determining the wages of miners were examined and tested. The Inspectors made 563 visits and tested 600 machines, with the result that 582 were found correct, and 18 required adjusting or repairs.

Markets and Fairs Act.

The weighing plant at the auction marts throughout the County and at the Foreign Animals Wharf, Partick, was tested half-yearly, and found in good order.

Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892.

Under Section 430 of this Act a number of made-up articles which were kept or exposed for sale were weighed or measured in 572 shops and other places of business. In a few instances there were deficiencies in the weight or measure represented. In cases where the deficiencies appeared to arise accidentally rather than with any deliberate intention to defraud the public, the offenders were cautioned by the Inspectors.

Proceedings were taken at the instance of the Department against eight traders for having made-up, kept, or exposed for sale gill and half-pint bottles of whisky, which were deficient of the measure represented. Of these, five were convicted and fined, one admonished, and two not proven. The fines imposed amounted to £4 10s.

During the year fifteen notices referring to the examination and testing of patterns of weighing and measuring instruments, submitted to the Board of Trade under Section 6 of the Weights and Measures Act, 1904, have been received from the Deputy Warden of the Standards. In fourteen instances a certificate of approval was granted, and in one it was refused.

Statistical tables are appended, giving details of the work done, together with a summary of the prosecutions and a statement of income and expenditure for the year.

I am,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

EDMUND DONALD,
Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

TABLE A.

Summary of Out-door Inspection.

Number of Places liable to Inspection.	Number of Places visited.	Number visited once.	Number visited more than once.	Total Number of Visits.	Classification of Weights Examined.						Classification of Measures Examined.								Classification of Weighing Instruments Examined.										
												Capacity.																	
												Liquid.																	
					Avoir.	Troy.	Apoth.	Decimal Grain.	Metric.	Total.	Length.	Metal.	Earthenware.	Glass.	Apoth.	Dry.	Metric.	Total.	Beam-Scales.	Counter Machines.	Steelyards.	Spring Balances.	Dead-Weight Machines.	Platform Machines.	Weigh-bridges.	Other Instruments.	Metric.	Total.	
About 6,000	4,244	3,790	454	4,697	34,240	71	1164	...	2	35,477	412	6,917	...	8,973	319	...	...	16,621	3,997	1,595	61	109	312	266	1029	2	...	7,371	Examined.
...	...	...	...	...	33,466	69	1155	...	2	34,692	386	6,747	...	8,910	314	...	...	16,357	3,767	1,514	57	95	273	255	929	2	...	6,892	Correct.
...	...	...	...	...	774	2	9	...	...	785	26	170	...	63	5	...	...	264	230	81	4	14	39	11	100	...	...	479	Incorrect.

Particulars of Prosecutions.

No.	Trade.	Nature of Offence.	Act and Section.	Result.
1	Spirit Dealer,	Short measure in Whisky.	Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, Section 430.	Fined 15s. or three days.
2	Do.,	Do.,	Do.,	Fined 15s. or three days.
3	Do.,	Do..	Do.,	Fined 20s. or three days.
4	Do.,	Do.,	Do.,	Admonished.
5	Do.,	Do.,	Do.,	Not Proven.
6	Do.,	Do..	Do.,	Fined 20s. or three days.
7	Do.,	Do.,	Do.,	Fined 20s. or three days.
8	Do.,	Do.,	Do.,	Not Proven.
9	Grocer,	Unjust Weighing Instrument.	Weights and Measures Act, 1878, Section 25,	Withdrawn.
10	Butcher,	Do.,	Do.,	Admonished.

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TABLE B.

Summary of In-door Verification.

Classification of Weights Stamped.						Classification of Measures Stamped.							Classification of Weighing Instruments Stamped.									
							Capacity.															
							Liquid.															
Avoir.	Troy.	Apoth.	Decimal Grain.	Metric.	Total.	Length.	Metal.	Earthenware.	Glass.	Apoth.	Dry.	Metric.	Total.	Beam-Scales.	Counter Machines.	Steelyards.	Spring Balances.	Dead-Weight Machines.	Platform Machines.	Weigh-bridges.	Other Instruments.	Metric.	Total.
28,109	...	...	...	...	28,109	1	809	...	...	...	1	...	811	522	181	5	20	306	204	201	3	...	1,442

Number of Weights, Measures, and Weighing Instruments Rejected, and Number of Weights and Measures Adjusted by the Inspectors.

Rejected.			Adjusted by the Inspectors.	
Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.
254	54	205	27,944	303

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Abstract of Fees received.

Stamping Fees.																		Adjusting Charges.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
Weights.			Measures of Length.			Measures of Capacity.						Weighing Instruments.														
						Glass.			Earthenware.			Other Measures.														
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.							£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
138	6	2	0	0	2	...			...			5	14	8½	156	15	0	227	8	2½	38	19	8	567	3	11

STAFF.

Name of Inspector of Weights and Measures.	Number of Local Verification Stamp.	Date of Appointment.	Number of Certificate of Qualification.	Other Occupation (if any).	Salary of Inspector of Weights and Measures.
Edmund Donald *(Chief)*, -	52	January, 1891,	55	...	£125
Robert Chrystal, - - -	24	Do.,	144	...	150
Andrew Mitchell, - - -	25	Do.,	179	...	150
Joseph Paterson, - - -	53	October, 1908,	1,054	...	140

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

From 1st April, 1912, to 31st March, 1913.

INCOME.

Fees—Adjusting, Verifying, and Stamping Weights and Measures, ...	£371	9	3
Fees—Verifying and Stamping Weighing Instruments, ...	156	15	0
Fees—Production of Standards, ...	16	19	8
Received from Burgh of Lanark, ...	10	0	0
„ „ Rutherglen, ...	12	0	0
Balance, ...	657	2	3
	£1,224	6	2

EXPENDITURE.

Inspectors' Salaries, ...	£624	3	4
Assistants' Wages, ...	285	0	6
Travelling Expenses, ...	74	15	3
Hires for Collieries, &c., ...	81	11	6
Rents, Taxes, and Insurance, ...	119	1	11½
Furnishings and Repairs, ...	10	6	8
Stationery and Printing, ...	7	9	0
Lead for Adjusting Weights, ...	3	12	9
Coal and Gas, ...	6	6	1
Postage, ...	6	10	0
Petty Expenses, ...	5	9	1½
	£1,224	6	2

SALE OF FOOD AND

COUNTY OF

REPORT by the PUBLIC ANALYST upon the Articles analysed

1. Number.	2. Date when Article received for Analysis.	3. Name of Local Authority under whose direction and by whose Officer the sample was submitted for Analysis.	4. Place where Sample taken.	5. Article submitted for Analysis.	6. Result of Analysis. Article Genuine.	Article adulterated, and nature and extent of adulteration.
270	Oct. 2	Lanark County Council,	Bothwell, ...	Butter, ...	Genuine,	... ...
271	,, 2	Do.,	Netherburn, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
272	,, 2	Do.,	Crossford, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
273	,, 2	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
275	,, 2	Do.,	Bothwellhaugh,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
276	,, 2	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
277	,, 2	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
278	,, 2	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
279	,, 2	Do.,	N. Motherwell,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
280	,, 4	Do.,	Bishopbriggs,	Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...
281	,, 4	Do.,	Do.,	Whisky, ...	Do.,	... ...
282	,, 4	Do.,	Viewpark, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
283	,, 4	Do.,	Cockhill, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
284	,, 4	Do.,	Tannochside,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
285	,, 4	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
286	,, 4	Do.,	Thorniewood,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
279	,, 11	Do.,	Tarbrax, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
288	,, 11	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
303	,, 16	Do.,	Larkhall, ...	Luncheon Sausage,	Do.,	... ...
304	,, 16	Do.,	Do., ..	Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...
305	,, 16	Do.,	Do., ..	Luncheon Sausage,	Do.,	... ...
306	,, 16	Do.,	Flemington, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
307	,, 16	Do.,	Half Way, Cambuslang,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
308	,, 16	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
309	,, 16	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
310	,, 16	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	...	Deficient in milk fat 9 per cent., ...
311	,, 16	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...
313	,, 23	Do.,	Uddingston, ...	Cream, ...	Do.,	... ...
314	,, 23	Do.,	Muirhead, ...	Sausage, ...	Do.,	... ...
315	,, 23	Do.,	Millerston, ...	Do., ...	Do.	... ...

DRUGS ACTS, 1875 to 1899.

LANARK.

by him during the Quarter ending 31st DECEMBER, 1912.

7. Sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	8. Observations of Analyst.	9. Were proceedings taken?	10. Amount of Penalty inflicted.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Offender.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Local Authority.	12. Observations of Clerk to the Local Authority.
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0 10 0	Contained 26·8 grains of boracic acid per lb.					
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0 10 0	... ...	No,	...	...	...	Considered undesirable to take proceedings.
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0 10 0	Contained ·30 per cent. of boracic acid.					
0 10 0	Contained no boracic acid.					
0 10 0	Contained no boracic acid.					

1. Number.	2. Date when Article received for Analysis.	3. Name of Local Authority under whose direction and by whose Officer the sample was submitted for Analysis.	4. Place where Sample taken.	5. Article submitted for Analysis.	6. Result of Analysis. Article Genuine.	Article adulterated, and nature and extent of adulteration.
318	Oct. 25	Lanark County Council,	Coalburn, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Genuine,	... ...
319	,, 25	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	.. ..
320	,, 25	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
321	,, 25	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
322	,, 25	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
323	,, 25	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do..	... ...
326	,, 30	Do.,	Half Way, Cambuslang,	Do., ...	Do.	... ...
339	Nov. 5	Do.,	Shotts, ...	Cream, ...	Do.,	... ...
348	Dec. 11	Do.,	Easterhouse,	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
349	,, 11	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... .
350	,, 11	Do.,	Baillieston, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
351	,, 11	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
352	,, 11	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
353	,, 11	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
354	,, 11	Do.,	Do., ...	Fresh Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...
355	,, 18	Do.,	Carmyle, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
356	,, 18	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
357	,, 18	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	.. ..
358	,, 18	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
359	,, 18	Do..	Do., ...	Skim Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
360	,, 18	Do.,	Do., ...	Potted Hough, ...	Do.,	... ...
361	,, 18	Do.,	Tollcross, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
362	,, 18	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do,,	... ...
363	,, 20	Do.,	Calderbank, ...	Luncheon Sausage,	Do.,	... ...
364	,, 20	Do.,	Chapelhall, ...	Lard, ...	Do.,	... ...
365	,, 20	Do.,	Newmains, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	...	Deficient in milk fat 6 per cent., and in milk solids other than fat 20 per cent.
366	,, 20	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...
367	,, 20	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
368	,, 20	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
369	,, 20	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
370	,, 20	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
371	,, 20	Do..	Morningside,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
390	,, 24	Do.,	Waterloo, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
392	,, 24	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	...	Deficient in milk solids other than fat 5 per cent.

7. Sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	8. Observations of Analyst.	9. Were proceedings taken?	10. Amount of Penalty inflicted.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Offender.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Local Authority.	12. Observations of Clerk to the Local Authority.
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0 10 0	Contained 9·2 grains of boracic acid per lb.					
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0 10 0	Contained 9·4 grains of boracic acid per lb.					
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0 10 0	... ...	No,	...	...	...	Considered unadvisable to take proceedings.

1. Number.	2. Date when Article received for Analysis.	3. Name of Local Authority under whose direction and by whose Officer the sample was submitted for Analysis.	4. Place where Sample taken.	5 Article submitted for Analysis.	6. Result of Analysis. Article Genuine.	Article adulterated, and nature and extent of adulteration.
393	Dec. 24	Lanark County Council,	Waterloo, ...	Sweet Milk,... ...	Genuine,	... ...
394	,, 24	Do.,	Overtown, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
397	,, 26	Do.,	Carluke, ...	Whisky, ...	Do.,	... ...
398	,, 26	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	...	Deficient in proof spirit 2·5 per cent.,
420	,, 30	Do.,	Mossend, ...	Do., ...	...	Deficient in proof spirit 2·2 per cent.,
421	,, 30	Do.,	Bellshill, ...	Butter, ...	Genuine,	... ...
426	,, 31	Do.,	Carnwath, ...	Whisky, ...	...	Deficient in proof spirit ·7 per cent.,
427	,, 31	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...
431	,, 31	Do.,	Shotts, ...	Sweet Milk,... ...	Do.,	... ...
432	,, 31	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
433	,, 31	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
434	,, 31	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
435	,, 31	Do.,	West Benhar,	Do., ...	...	Deficient in milk fat 13 per cent., ...
436	,, 31	Do.,	Do..	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...
438	,, 31	Do.,	Harthill, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
439	,, 31	Do.,	West Benhar,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...

Total number of samples analysed at the instance of the Local Authority or their Officer during the quarter, ... 80
Total number of same found to be adulterated, ... 7
Samples submitted by private individuals, in terms of Section 12 of the above Act, ... —

14th January, 1913.

ROBERT M. CLARK, *Public Analyst.*

7. Sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	8. Observations of Analyst.	9. Were proceedings taken?	10. Amount of Penalty inflicted.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Offender.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Local Authority.	12. Observations of Clerk to the Local Authority.
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£0 10 0						
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0 10 0	... ...	Yes,	...	...	...	Proceedings pending.
0 10 0	.. ..	Yes,	...	...	...	Proceedings pending.
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0 10 0	... ...	No,	...	...	...	Considered unadvisable to take proceedings.
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0 10 0	... ...	Yes,	...	..	...	Proceedings pending.
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20th January, 1913.

THOS. MUNRO, *Clerk to the Local Authority.*

TEST SAMPLES SUBMITTED FOR ANALYSIS.

1. Number.	2. Date when Article received for Analysis.	3. Article submitted for Analysis.	4. Result of Analysis.		5. Sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	6. Observations of Analyst.
			Article genuine.	Article adulterated, and nature and extent of adulteration.		
287	Oct. 4	Lard, ...	Genuine,	... ...	£0 10 0	
316	„ 25	Brandy, ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
340	Nov. 8	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
341	„ 8	Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
372	Dec. 20	Brandy, ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
373	„ 20	Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
391	„ 24	Sweet Milk, ...	...	Deficient in milk fat 11 per cent.,	0 10 0	
437	„ 31	Cream, ...	Genuine,	... ...	0 10 0	
440	„ 31	Brandy, ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	

14th January, 1913.—ROBERT M. CLARK, *Public Analyst.*

20th January, 1913.—THOS. MUNRO, *Clerk to the Local Authority.*

REPORT by the PUBLIC ANALYST upon the Articles analysed

1. Number.	2. Date when Article received for Analysis.	3. Name of Local Authority under whose direction and by whose Officer the sample was submitted for Analysis.	4. Place where Sample taken.	5. Article submitted for Analysis.	6. Result of Analysis. Article Genuine.	Article adulterated, and nature and extent of adulteration.
442	Jan. 2	Lanark County Council,	Douglas, ...	Whisky, ...	...	Deficient in proof spirit 4·3 per cent.
443	,, 2	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...
444	,, 2	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
7	,, 17	Do.,	Roughrigg, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
8	,, 17	Do.,	Bothwell, ...	Sweet Milk,... ...	Do.,	... ...
9	,, 17	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
10	,, 17	Do.,	Bothwellhaugh,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
11	,, 17	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
12	,, 17	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
13	,, 17	Do.,	Bothwell, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
16	,, 31	Do.,	Blantyre, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
17	,, 31	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
18	,, 31	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
19	,, 31	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
20	,, 31	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
21	,, 31	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
27	Feb. 5	Do.,	Carfin, ...	Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...
28	,, 5	Do.,	Do., ..	Sweet Milk,... ...	Do.,	... ...
30	,, 7	Do.,	Bellshill, ...	Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...
32	,, 8	Do.,	Tollcross, ...	Whisky, ...	...	Deficient in proof spirit 9·7 per cent.
33	,, 8	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...
34	,, 8	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
35	,, 10	Do.,	Cambuslang,	Sweet Milk,... ...	Do,	... ...
36	,, 10	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
37	,, 10	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
38	,, 10	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
39	,, 10	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
40	,, 10	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
41	,, 10	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	...	Deficient in milk solids other than fat 11 per cent
42	,, 10	Do.,	Do.,	Do., ...	...	Deficient in milk fat 22 per cent. and in milk solids other than fat 6 per cent.

DRUGS ACTS, 1875 to 1899.

LANARK.

by him during the Quarter ending 31st MARCH, 1913.

7. Sum paid in respect of the Analysi.	8. Observations of Analyst.	9. Were proceedings taken?	10. Amount of Penalty inflicted.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Offender.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Local Authority.	12. Observations of Clerk to the Local Authority.
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0 10 0		Yes,				

1. Number.	2. Date when Article received for Analysis.	3. Name of Local Authority under whose direction and by whose Officer the sample was submitted for Analysis.	4. Place where Sample taken.	5. Article submitted for Analysis.	6. Result of Analysis. Article Genuine.	Article adulterated, and nature and extent of adulteration.
43	Feb. 19	Lanark County Council,	Strathaven, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Genuine,	... ...
44	,, 19	Do.,	Do., ...	Skim Milk, ...	Do.,	.. ..
45	,, 19	Do.,	Do., ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
46	,, 19	Do.,	Do., ...	Whisky, ...	...	Deficient in proof spirit 4.8 per cent.
47	,, 19	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...
48	,, 19	Do.,	Do., ..	Self-raising Flour,	Do.,	... ...
49	,, 19	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
50	,, 19	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.	... ...
52	,, 22	Do.,	Carmyle, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
53	,, 22	Do.,	Do., ...	Butter, ...	Do.,	... .
54	,, 26	Do.,	Bargeddie, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
55	,, 26	Do.,	Do., ...	Whisky, ...	Do.,	... ...
56	,, 26	Do.,	Do., ...	Raspberry Jam,	Do.,	... ...
57	,, 26	Do.,	Do., ...	Whisky, ...	Do.,	... ...
58	,, 28	Do.,	Glenmavis, ...	Black Currant Jam,	Do.,	... ...
59	,, 28	Do.,	Shettleston, ...	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
60	,, 28	Do.,	Do., ...	Skim Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
61	,, 28	Do.,	Do., ..	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	.. ..
62	,, 28	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
63	,, 28	Do.,	Do., . .	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
64	,, 28	Do.,	Barrachnie, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
65	,, 28	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
66	,, 28	Do.,	Mount Vernon,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
71	Mar. 10	Do.,	Newarthill, ...	Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...
73	,, 12	Do.,	Farme, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
74	,, 12	Do.,	Cambuslang,	Sweet Milk, ...	Do.,	... ...
75	,, 12	Do.,	Eastfield, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
76	,, 14	Do.,	Uddingston, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
77	,, 14	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
78	,, 14	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
80	,, 14	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
81	,, 14	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
82	,, 14	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
83	,, 14	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
85	,, 19	Do.,	Dalserf, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...

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				Amount of Costs.		
Sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	Observations of Analyst.	Were proceedings taken?	Amount of Penalty inflicted.	Charged on Offender.	Charged on Local Authority.	Observations of Clerk to the Local Authority.
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0 10 0	... ...	No.,	.	...	...	Considered unadvisable to take proceedings.
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0 10 0					

1. Number.	2. Date when Article received for Analysis.	3. Name of Local Authority under whose direction and by whose Officer the sample was submitted for Analysis.	4. Place where Sample taken.	5 Article submitted for Analysis.	6. Result of Analysis. Article Genuine.	Article adulterated, and nature and extent of adulteration.
86	Mar. 19	Lanark County Council.	Dalserf, ...	Sweet Milk,... ...	...	Deficient in milk fat 9 per cent. ...
87	,, 19	Do.,	Larkhall, ...	Do., ...	...	Deficient in milk fat 12 per cent., ...
88	,, 19	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Genuine,	... ...
89	,, 19	Do.,	Do., ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...
90	,, 19	Do.,	Do., ...	Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...
95	,, 25	Do.,	Blantyre, ...	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...

Total number of samples analysed at the instance of the Local Authority or their Officer during the quarter, ... 71
Total number of same found to be adulterated, ... 7
Samples submitted by private individuals, in terms of Section 12 of the above Act, ... —

ROBERT M. CLARK, *Public Analyst.*

9th April, 1913.

7. Sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	8. Observations of Analyst.	9. Were proceedings taken?	10. Amount of Penalty inflicted.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Offender.	11. Amount of Costs. Charged on Local Authority.	12. Observations of Clerk to the Local Authority.
£ s. d.			£ s. d.			
£0 10 0	.. ..	Yes,	...	...	...	Proceedings pending.
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15th April, 1913.

THOS. MUNRO, *Clerk to the Local Authority.*

TEST SAMPLES SUBMITTED FOR ANALYSIS.

1. Number	2. Date when Article received for Analysis.	3. Article submitted for Analysis.	4. Result of Analysis.		5. Sum paid in respect of the Analysis.	6. Observations of Analyst.
			Article genuine.	Article adulterated, and nature and extent of aduiteration.		
22	Jan. 31	Skim Milk, ...	Genuine,	... ...	£0 10 0	
29	Feb. 5	Chicory, ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
31	,, 7	Home Lard, ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
51	,, 19	Brandy, ...	...	Deficient in proof spirit 1½ per cent.	0 10 0	
67	,, 28	Butter, ...	...	Contained 95 per cent. of fatty matter not derived from milk.	0 10 0	
79	Mar. 14	Sweet Milk, ...	Genuine,	... ...	0 10 0	
84	,, 19	Butter, ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
91	,, 21	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
96	,, 25	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	
97	,, ,,	Do., ...	Do.,	... ...	0 10 0	

9th April, 1913.—ROBERT M. CLARK, *Public Analyst.*

15th April, 1913.—THOS. MUNRO, *Clerk to the Local Authority.*

FERTILISERS AND FEED

Report to the Board of Agriculture for Scotland by the

Name of Fertiliser or Feeding Stuff.	Date of Receipt of Sample.	Number, &c., on Sample.	Name and Address of Vendor (if known).	Name and Address of Purchaser (if any).
Nutted Oil Cake, ...	27th Nov.,	No. 35	Not known,	Not known,
Pure Bean Meal, ...	27th Nov.,	,, 36	Not known,	Not known,
Basic Slag, ...	30th Dec.,	,, 37	Not known,	Not known,

OF LANARK.

ING STUFFS ACT, 1906.

Agricultural Analyst for the Quarter ending 31st December, 1912.

	REMARKS.
Official Sample—Satisfactory.	
Informal Sample—Satisfactory.	
Informal Sample—Satisfactory.	

Number of Samples { Fertilisers, - - 1
Feeding Stuffs, - 2

Signature of Agricultural Analyst, R. R. TATLOCK.

Date, 17th January, 1913.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

REPORT

BY

DISTRICT ANALYST

UNDER

FERTILISERS AND FEEDING STUFFS ACT, 1906,

FOR THE

QUARTER ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1912,

TO BE SUBMITTED TO

THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL,

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, 8th May, 1913.

FERTILISERS AND FEED

Report to the Board of Agriculture for Scotland by the

Name of Fertiliser or Feeding Stuff.	Date of Receipt of Sample.	Number, &c., on Sample.	Name and Address of Vendor (if known).	Name and Address of Purchaser (if any).
Basic Slag, ...	6th Jan.,	No. 1	Not known,	Not known,
Kainit, ...	,, ,,	,, 2	Not known,	Not known,
Dissolved Bones, ...	24th ,,	,, 3	Not known,	Not known,
Bone Meal, ...	,, ,,	,, 3	Not known,	Not known,
Ground Limestone, ...	10th March,	,, 7	Not known,	Not known,
Dissolved Bones, ...	,, ,,	,, 8	Not known,	Not known,
Basic Slag, ...	,, ,,	,, 9	Not known,	Not known,
Do., ...	,, ,,	,, 10	Not known,	Not known,
Superphosphate, ...	,, ,,	,, 11	Not known,	Not known,
Do., ...	,, ,,	,, 12	Not known,	Not known,
Potash Salts, ...	,, ,,	,, 13	Not known,	Not known,
Kainit, ...	,, ,,	,, 14	Not known,	Not known,
Nitrolin, ...	,, ,,	,, 15	Not known,	Not known,
Bone Meal, ...	,, ,,	,, 16	Not known,	Not known,
Sulphate of Ammonia, ...	,, ,,	,, 17	Not known,	Not known,
Potato Manure, ...	25th ,,	,, 18	Not known,	Not known,
Kainit, ...	,, ,,	,, 19	Not known,	Not known,
Superphosphate, ...	,, ,,	,, 20	Not known,	Not known,
Sulphate of Ammonia, ...	,, ,,	,, 21	Not known,	Not known,
Superphosphate, ...	,, ,,	,, 22	Not known,	Not known,
Basic Slag, ...	,, ,,	,, 23	Not known,	Not known,
Potash Salts, ...	,, ,,	,, 24	Not known,	Not known,
Grain Manure, ...	,, ,,	,, 25	Not known,	Not known,
Bone Meal, ...	,, ,,	,, 26	Not known,	Not known,
Bean Meal, ...	31st Jan.,	,, 4	Not known,	Not known,
Carmosine, ...	,, ,,	,, 5	Not known,	Not known,
Bean Meal, ...	19th Feb.,	,, 6	Not known,	Not known,

OF LANARK.

ING STUFFS ACT, 1906.

Agricultural Analyst for the Quarter ending 31st March, 1913.

REMARKS.
Formal—Satisfactory.
Formal—Satisfactory.
Formal—Satisfactory.
Formal—Satisfactory.
Formal—Satisfactory.
Formal—Slight deficiency in Insoluble Phosphates, but within limits of error.
Formal—Satisfactory.
Formal—Satisfactory.
Formal—Satisfactory.
Formal—Satisfactory.
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Formal—Satisfactory.
Informal—Satisfactory.
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Informal—Satisfactory.
Informal—Satisfactory.
Formal—Satisfactory.
Formal—Satisfactory.
Informal—Satisfactory.
Informal—Satisfactory.
Informal—Satisfactory.

Number of Samples { Fertilisers, - - 24
Feeding Stuffs, - 3

Signature of Agricultural Analyst, R. R. TATLOCK.

Date, 16th April, 1913.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

REPORT

BY

DISTRICT ANALYST

UNDER

FERTILISERS AND FEEDING STUFFS ACT, 1906,

FOR THE

QUARTER ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1913,

TO BE SUBMITTED TO

THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL,

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, 8th May, 1913.

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COUNTY OF LANARK.

RETURN OF EXPENSES OF DEPUTATIONS FOR YEAR 1912, PREPARED IN TERMS OF RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, AS CONTAINED IN THE MINUTES OF 11TH MAY, 1899, AND 15TH DECEMBER, 1908.

Name of Councillor.	Object of Deputation or Visit.	No. of Days Spent.	Sum Paid to each Councillor. £ s. d.	£ s. d.
John D. Scott,	Attending in London in connection with the County of Lanark Tramways Order. Conferring with Parliamentary Agents as to proposed arrangements with Burghs, and meeting with Representatives of the Burgh of Hamilton,	3	10 4 9	
	Attending meeting in London with Representatives of Lanarkshire Tramways Company,	3	10 4 9	
	Attending in London at an interview with the Under Secretary for Scotland in support of the Council's proposed application for a Provisional Order to increase the Representation of Shettleston and Tollcross on the County Council,	3	8 13 3	
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill,	30	52 15 3	
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons, in support of the promotion of the Glasgow Water (Charges) Bill,	3	4 14 6	
	Attending conference in London with representatives of burghs interested in the County of Lanark Tramway's Order, when an amicable settlement was arrived at and Burghs' opposition withdrawn,	3	10 4 9	
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill,	17	32 5 9	
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons, when Preamble of County of Lanark Tramways Order proved,	3	10 4 9	
	Attending meeting in London with Officials of the Scottish Office, on the Temperance (Scotland) Bill,	4	9 14 3	
				149 2 0
	Carry forward,			149 2 0

Name of Councillor.	Object of Deputation or Visit.	No. of Days Spent.	Sum Paid to each Councillor.		
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Brought forward, - - -			149 2 0	
Robert Lambie, - - -	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	27	48 0 9		
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	6	14 19 3		
	Attending meeting with Parliamentary Agents in London to go over and revise the Draft of the Middle Ward Water Order, - - - - - -	4	11 12 3		
	Attending in London at National Conference on the Prevention of Destitution, - - - - - - - -	6	14 19 3		
	Attending in York at Congress of Royal Sanitary Institute, - - - - -	8	14 11 6		
	Attending in Montrose at Congress of Incorporated Sanitary Association, -	4	5 13 3		
				109 16 3	
George Fraser, - - -	Attending in London in connection with the County of Lanark Tramways Order. Conferring with Parliamentary Agents as to proposed arrangements with Burghs, and meeting with Representatives of the Burgh of Hamilton, - -	3	10 4 9		
	Attending meeting in London with Representatives of Lanarkshire Tramways Company, - - - - - -	3	10 4 9		
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	27	47 16 6		
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	11	28 7 0		
	Attending meeting with Parliamentary Agents in London to go over and revise the Draft of the Middle Ward Water Order, - - - - - -	4	11 12 0		
				108 5 0	
	Carry forward, - - -			367 3 3	

Name of Councillor.	Object of Deputation or Visit.	No. of Days Spent.	Sum Paid to each Councillor.					
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought forward, - - -					367	3	3
Col. King Stewart, - -	Attending in London at an interview with the Under Secretary for Scotland in support of the Council's proposed application for a Provisional Order to increase the representation of Shettleston and Tollcross on the County Council, - - - - - - -	3	8	13	3			
	Attending meeting in London with Representatives of the Lanarkshire Tramways Company, - - - - -	3	10	4	9			
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - - -	31	54	6	9			
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - - -	11	28	7	0			
						101	11	9
W. M. Marshall, - -	Attending in London in connection with the County of Lanark Tramway's Order. Conferring with Parliamentary Agents as to proposed arrangements with burghs and meeting with Representatives of Burgh of Hamilton, - - - - -	3	10	4	9			
	Attending meeting in London with Representatives of Lanarkshire Tramways Company, - - - - - - -	3	10	4	9			
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - - -	24	43	2	0			
	Attending in London in connection with the County of Lanark Tramway's Order to consider terms and conditions of suggested compromise with Lanarkshire Tramways Company, - - - - -	3	10	0	6			
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - - -	8	18	2	3			
						91	14	3
D. Kinloch Michie, - -	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - - -	27	48	0	9			
			48	0	9			
	Carry forward, - - - -					560	9	3

Name of Councillor.	Object of Deputation or Visit.	No. of Days Spent.	Sum Paid to each Councillor.	
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Brought forward, - - -		48 0 9	560 9 3
D. Kinloch Michie—*continued,*	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	9	25 4 0	
	Attending in Edinburgh at the Conference of Local Authorities on Foot and Mouth Disease, - - - - -	3	1 17 6	
				75 2 3
J. Raeside Auld, - -	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	27	48 0 9	
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	4	11 16 3	
	Attending in York at the Annual Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute, - -	8	14 11 6	
				74 8 6
John Wheatley, - - -	Attending in London at an interview with the Under Secretary for Scotland in support of the Council's proposed application for a Provisional Order to increase the representation of Shettleston and Tollcross on the County Council, - - - - -	3	8 13 3	
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	24	43 6 3	
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	4	11 16 3	
	Attending in Manchester at the Annual Conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption,	5	10 4 10	
				74 0 7
James Anderson, - - -	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	27	48 0 9	
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons, in support of the promotion of the Glasgow Water (Charges) Bill, - - - -	4	11 16 3	
			59 17 0	
	Carry forward, - - - -			784 0 7

Name of Councillor.	Object of Deputation or Visit.	No. of Days Spent.	Sum Paid to each Councillor.		
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
	Brought forward, - - -		59 17 0	784 0 7	
James Anderson—*continued,* -	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	5	13 7 9		
				73 4 9	
John Adam, - - - -	Attending in London at an interview with the Under Secretary for Scotland in support of the Council's proposed application for a Provisional Order to increase the representation of Shettleston and Tollcross on the County Council, - - - - - - -	3	8 13 3		
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	7	22 1 0		
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons in support of the promotion of the Glasgow Water (Charges) Bill, - - -	3	10 4 9		
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	7	22 1 0		
				63 0 0	
William Davie, -	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	27	48 0 9		
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	4	11 16 3		
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James Walker, - - -	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	27	48 0 9		
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	4	11 16 3		
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Name of Councillor.	Object of Deputation or Visit.	No. of Days Spent.	Sum Paid to each Councillor. £ s. d.	£ s. d.
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Robert G. Carson, - -	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	18	33 17 3	
	Attending in London in connection with the County of Lanark Tramways Order, to consider terms and conditions of suggested compromise with Lanarkshire Tramways Company, -	3	10 4 9	
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	6	14 19 3	59 1 3
William Speirs, - - -	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - - -	14	33 1 6	
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - - -	10	21 5 3	54 6 9
William Templeton, -	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons in support of the promotion of the Glasgow Water (Charges) Bill, - -	4	11 16 3	
	Attending in London in connection with the County of Lanark Tramway's Order, to consider terms and conditions of suggested compromise with Lanarkshire Tramways Company, - - - - -	3	10 4 9	
	Attending in Oxford at the International Congress of Entomology, - - - -	10	22 3 9	
	Attending in Edinburgh at the Congress of Local Authorities on Foot and Mouth Disease, - - - - - -	4	2 10 0	46 14 9
James Tonner, - -	Attending in London in connection with the County of Lanark Tramway's Order, to consider terms and conditions of suggested compromise with Lanarkshire Tramways Company, - - - - -	3	10 4 9	
	Attending in London at National Conference on the Prevention of Destitution,	6	14 19 3	
			25 4 0	
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Name of Councillor.	Object of Deputation or Visit.	No. of Days Spent.	Sum Paid to each Councillor.					
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James Tonner—*continued,* -	Attending in Montrose at Congress of Incorporated Sanitary Association, -	4	5	13	3			
	Attending in London at the Annual Meeting of the Incorporated Society of Inspectors of Weights and Measures, -	5	13	7	9			
						44	5	0
James C. Hope Vere, - -	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - - -	22	...			40	7	3
Alexander Hamilton, - -	Attending in London in connection with the County of Lanark Tramway's Order, to consider terms and conditions of suggested compromise with Lanarkshire Tramways Company, - - - -	3	10	4	9			
	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons, as a witness in support of the County Council's promotion of the County of Lanark Tramway's Order, - - -	5	13	7	9			
	Attending in Manchester at the Annual Conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption, -	5	10	7	2			
	Attending in Montrose at Congress of Incorporated Sanitary Association, -	4	5	13	3			
						39	12	11
William Love, - - -	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - -	6	14	19	3			
	Attending in York at Congress of Royal Sanitary Institute, - - - - -	8	14	11	6			
						29	10	9
Thomas G. Cowan, - -	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons, as a witness in support of the County Council's promotion of the County of Lanark Tramways Order, - - -	5	13	7	9			
	Attending in York at Congress of Royal Sanitary Institute, - - - - -	8	14	11	6			
						27	19	3
J. C. Pollok, - - -	Attending in Oxford at the International Congress of Entomology, - - -	10	...			22	3	9
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Name of Councillor.	Object of Deputation or Visit.	No. of Days Spent.	Sum Paid to each Councillor.	
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James Cameron, - - -	Attending in Montrose at Congress of Incorporated Sanitary Association, -	4	5 13 3	
	Attending in York at Congress of Royal Sanitary Institute, - - - - -	8	14 11 6	20 4 9
Walter C. B. Christie,	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Lords, as a witness in support of the County Council's opposition to the Glasgow Boundaries Bill, - - - - - -	8	...	18 2 3
William Sym, - - -	Attending in York at Congress of Royal Sanitary Institute, - - - - -	8	...	14 11 6
Gavin A. Shanks, - -	Attending in London before the Committee of the House of Commons, as a witness in support of the County Council's promotion of the County of Lanark Tramways Order, - - -	5	...	13 7 9
William L. Dyer, - -	Attending in London in connection with the County of Lanark Tramways Order to consider terms and conditions of suggested compromise with Lanarkshire Tramways Company, - - - - -	3	...	10 4 9
James Prentice, - - -	Attending in Manchester at the Congress of the National Veterinary Association, - - - - - - - - -	4	...	9 7 9
J. P. Baird, - - - - -	Attending in Edinburgh at the Conference of Local Authorities on Foot and Mouth Disease, - - - - -	2	...	1 5 0
Samuel Forrest, - - -	Attending in Edinburgh at the Conference of Local Authorities on Foot and Mouth Disease, - - - - -	2	...	1 5 0
Sir S. M. Lockhart, Bart., -	Attending in Edinburgh at the Conference of Local Authorities on Foot and Mouth Disease, - - - - -	1	..	0 12 6
				1,493 2 3

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE

STATUTORY MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, 8TH MAY, 1913.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 29th January, 1913, being a meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 29th January, 1913.

Present—

Colonel Buchanan.	James Thomson Macdonald.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Speirs.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.	Colonel Stewart.
Colonel Logan.	William Sym.

Colonel Buchanan, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 22nd January, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

With reference to the Cambuslang Closing Order, the Clerk reported that, on the day of the last meeting (22nd instant), there had been received other three voting papers dated 21st instant, two being in favour and one against; that all the voting papers had been carefully scrutinised and compared with the Register, and that the result was as follows, viz.:— *Proposed Closing Order for Cambuslang —Result of vote.*

		Yes.	No.	No reply.	Spoiled.	Two-thirds.
1. Bakers, ...	12	2	9	1	—	8
2. Booksellers and Stationers,	12	8	2	1	1	8
3. Boot and Shoemaker and Merchant, ...	17	12	2	3	—	12
4. Draper and Clothier (including Hosier), ...	25	20	5	—	—	17
5. Grocers, ...	56	39	10	7	—	38
6. Hardware Merchants (including Ironmongers),	14	10	4	—	—	10
7. General Dealer (including Pawnbrokers' Salerooms,	10	6	1	3	—	7
8. Butchers, ...	21	16	3	2	—	14
	167	113	36	17	1	—

The Clerk stated that the three voting papers before-mentioned were included in the above statement.

Cases of Bakers and General Dealers.—Required two-thirds of majority not obtained.

The Clerk directed the attention of the meeting to the fact that the required two thirds majority had not been obtained in the case of (1) Bakers, and (2) General Dealers, and that consequently these two classes of shops would fall to be excluded from the scope of the Order.

Meeting resolve to make Closing Order for Parish of Cambuslang.

Thereafter the Clerk submitted a proposed Order which he had prepared giving effect to the views of the occupiers of the shops affected, in so far as the required two-thirds majority had been obtained, and the meeting resolved, in virtue of the powers conferred upon them by the County Council to make, and hereby make, an Order in the terms set forth in the copy of the Order annexed hereto (Appendix I.), and instructed the Clerk to submit the Order to the Secretary for Scotland with a view to its confirmation, and to see to the publication and advertisement of the Notice of the Order, as required by the Regulations.

Proposed Half-holiday Order for Parish of Carluke.

The Clerk also submitted a proposed Half-holiday Order for the Parish of Carluke, in which effect had been given to the result of the vote recently taken.

Meeting resolve to make Half-holiday Order.

The meeting resolved, in virtue of the powers conferred upon them by the County Council to make, and hereby make, an Order in the terms set forth in the annexed copy Order (Appendix II.), and instructed the Clerk to see to the publication and advertisement of the Notice of the Order as required by the Regulations.

By-laws.—Registered premises for public refreshment. — Communication from Secretary for Scotland.

With regard to the Bye-laws made by the County Council relating to Registered Premises for public refreshment, the Clerk submitted a letter which he had received from the Secretary for Scotland, and which was in the following terms, viz. :—

"Scottish Office, Whitehall, S.W.,
"6th January. 1913.

"SIR,

"I am directed to return herewith the Bye-laws relating to Registered Places for Public Refreshment in the County of Lanarkshire, which have been duly confirmed by the Secretary for Scotland, subject to the following amendments, viz. :—

"*Bye-law No. 2.*—The words 'Registered Premises' have been substituted for the words 'Place for Public Refreshment', in order to make it clear that the Bye-law only applies to such places for public refreshment as require to be registered.

"*Bye-law No. 3.*—For the same reason the words 'Registered Premises' have been substituted for the words 'Places for Public Refreshment'.

"I am to request that four copies of the Bye-laws, when printed, may be forwarded for record in this office.

"I am, &c.,

"(Signed) JAMES M. DODDS."

Publication of By-laws.

The Clerk stated that he had advertised the by-laws in public newspapers circulating in the county, and also by placards posted up in different places in the county, in order to give them as much publicity as possible.

A copy of the by-laws, as confirmed by the Secretary for Scotland, forms Appendix III to this minute.

Appointment of inspectors under by-laws.

The meeting agreed that in connection with the administration of the by-laws while the police should report offences against the by-laws for failure to observe the hours of closing, questions relating to internal arrangements should be dealt with by the inspectors under the Shops Act, 1912. The Committee accordingly appointed the following to be inspectors for that purpose, viz. :—

Robert MacNaughton, County Offices, Hamilton.
Charles M'Ara, County Offices, Hamilton.
Frank MacArthur, County Offices, Hamilton.
Duncan James Black, County Offices, Hamilton.

Livingstone Centenary.—Remit to sub-committee.

Reference having been made to the action taken by the Lord Provost of Glasgow and others in connection with the Livingstone Centenary, the meeting considered whether, in view of the fact that Dr. Livingstone was a native of Blantyre, some steps should be taken to celebrate the occasion locally, and, after discussion, remitted the matter to the following sub-committee for consideration and report, viz. :—

Colonel Buchanan.	William Neilson.
John Jackson.	William Speirs.
Alexander R. Mitchell.	Colonel King Stewart.

Cinematograph Act.—License for Westburn Picture House.

The Clerk reported that he had received application from Mr. Alfred Gordon Nisbet, Newton, for a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Westburn Picture House, the plans of which had been approved by the Committee on 23rd October last, and that having received a satisfactory report from the Engineer, he had granted to Mr. Nisbet a licence for one year to 3rd February, 1914. The meeting approved.

APPENDIX I.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

SHOPS ACT, 1912.

CLOSING ORDER FOR PARISH OF CAMBUSLANG.

THE County Council of the County of Lanark, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Shops Act, 1912, and after due compliance with its provisions, do hereby order as follows:—

I. This Order, which may be cited as the CAMBUSLANG CLOSING ORDER, applies to shops within the Parish of Cambuslang in which the retail trades or businesses after-mentioned are carried on, viz.:—

(1) Bookseller and Stationer.
(2) Boot and Shoe Maker and Merchant.
(3) Butcher.
(4) Draper and Clothier (including Hosier).
(5) Grocer and Provision Merchant.
(6) Hardware Merchant (including Ironmonger).

II. The hours of Closing on the several days of the week shall be as follows:—

	Name of Trade or Business.	Day of Week and Hour of Closing.
A.	(1) Boot and Shoe Maker and Merchant. (2) Draper and Clothier (including Hosier). (3) Grocer and Provision Merchant. (4) Hardware Merchant (including Ironmonger).	Monday, 8 p.m. Tuesday, 8 p.m. (Wednesday—Weekly Half-holiday. Shops close at 1 p.m.) Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 10 p.m.

Provided that where the occupier of a shop in which any of the trades or businesses above-mentioned are carried on and to which the Middle Ward Weekly Half-holiday Order applies elects to close his shop for the weekly half-holiday on Saturday

instead of on Wednesday, the closing hour on Wednesday shall be 10 o'clock p.m.

B.	Bookseller and Stationer, - -	Monday, 8 p.m. Tuesday, 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 10 p.m.
C.	Butcher, - - - - -	Monday, 7 p.m. Tuesday, 7 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Thursday, 7 p.m. Friday, 7.30 p.m. Saturday, 10 p.m.

Provided also that nothing in this Order shall affect the obligation of every occupier of a shop in which any of the trades or businesses above-mentioned are carried on, which are not exempted from the provisions of the Shops Act, 1912, with respect to a weekly half-holiday, but to which the Middle Ward Weekly Half-holiday Order does not apply, to close his shop at one o'clock p.m. on one week-day in each week for the weekly half-holiday in accordance with Section 4 of the said Act, and that on the day specified in the notice affixed in his shop as the day for the half-holiday the closing hour shall not apply.

III. Where any trade or business, not being one of the trades or businesses above-mentioned, is carried on in any shop to which this Order applies, such shop may be kept open after the closing hour mentioned in Article II. of this Order for the purpose of the first-mentioned trade or business alone, provided that—

(*a*) After the said closing hour there shall be exhibited in some conspicuous places on the exterior and in the interior of such shop notices in letters of the size of not less than two inches, containing the following words:—"Shops Act, 1912. This "shop is closed for to-day except for the sale "by retail of* ."

(*b*) So far as reasonably practicable no goods in connection with the trade or business for which the shop is required to be closed shall be exhibited either inside or outside the shop.

* The articles that may be sold to be here specified.

The fixing of the hours aforesaid shall be subject to the following exceptions, viz. :—

The hour of closing shall be 10 o'clock p.m.

(1) On the evening of the day preceding any public holiday, or any day that may be fixed by the Local Merchants' Association as a holiday ;

(2) On the evening of each day of the week ending Glasgow Fair Saturday ; and

(3) On the evening of each lawful day of the last fortnight of each year.

Provided that nothing in the foregoing exceptions shall affect the obligations imposed by Section 4 of the Act in regard to the closing of shops for the weekly half-holiday.

Signed, for and by the authority of the County Council, by me, at Hamilton, on this the twenty-ninth day of January, in the year One thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

L. S.

I hereby confirm the foregoing Order.

T. M'KINNON WOOD,
His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland.

SCOTTISH OFFICE, WHITEHALL,
12th MARCH, 1913.

APPENDIX II.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

SHOPS ACT, 1912.

ORDER UNDER SECTION 4 (2) FIXING THE DAY OF THE WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY FOR THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF SHOPS HEREINAFTER MENTIONED WITHIN THE PARISH OF CARLUKE.

The County Council of the County of Lanark, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Shops Act, 1912, and after due compliance with its provisions, do hereby make an Order, as follows:—

This Order, which may be cited as the Carluke Weekly Half-Holiday Order, applies to all shops in the Parish of Carluke in which are carried on the retail trades or businesses aftermentioned, viz.:—

Name of Trade.	Day of Weekly Half-Holiday.
Barber and Hairdresser. Draper. Fancy Goods and Toy Dealer. Grocer and Provision Merchant. Hardware Merchant. Painter and Decorator.	WEDNESDAY (at 1 o'clock p.m.) or (at the option of Shopkeeper) SATURDAY.

This Order shall take effect as from and after 1st March, 1913.

Signed, for and by the authority of the said County Council, by me, this twenty-ninth day of January, in the year Nineteen hundred and thirteen.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

NOTE.—It is provided by Section 4 (5) of the Act that if a shop is closed throughout the whole of a public holiday and the public holiday does not fall on the day fixed for the weekly half-holiday the shopkeeper may keep his shop open *either* on the half-holiday before, *or* on the half-holiday after, the public holiday.

APPENDIX III.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

BURGH POLICE (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT ACT, 1911.

BY-LAWS

FOR

REGULATING THE HOURS OF OPENING AND CLOSING OF PLACES FOR PUBLIC REFRESHMENT, &c.

WE, the County Council of the County of Lanark, at a Special General Meeting of the said County Council held at Glasgow, upon *the Seventh day of June,* Nineteen hundred and twelve, there being present at least two-thirds of the whole number of the Council, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the County Council under and in virtue of Section 97 and Section 82, Sub-section 2, of the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1903, as amended by the Burgh Police (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1911, and Section 57 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, do hereby make the following By-Laws, namely:—

1. A person registered in terms of Section 82 (1) of the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1903, as amended by the Burgh Police (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1911, to keep or use any house, building, part of a building, or other premises as a place for public refreshment shall not keep such premises open or suffer them to be kept open—

   on Sundays before one o'clock p.m., nor later than eight o'clock p.m., and

   on other days of the week before seven o'clock a.m., nor later than ten o'clock p.m.

2. There shall not be in any registered premises any compartment or side-room having any partition, side, division, screen, or curtain more than three feet six inches in height above the level of the floor.

3. All registered premises shall be adequately lighted throughout to the satisfaction of the County Council or their inspector or officer appointed for the purpose.

EXTENT OF BY-LAWS.

4. These By-laws shall have effect and be in force in the whole County of Lanark, excluding the Royal, Parliamentary, and Police Burghs therein.

PENALTIES.

5. Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing By-laws shall be liable in a penalty not exceeding FIVE POUNDS for each offence.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

COUNTY OFFICES,
HAMILTON, 20th June, 1912.

I hereby confirm the foregoing By-laws.

(Signed) T. M'KINNON WOOD,
His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland

L. S.

SCOTTISH OFFICE,
WHITEHALL, 2nd January, 1913.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 19th February, 1913, being a meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 19th February, 1913.

Present—

Colonel Buchanan.
Alexander Hamilton.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.
John Jackson.
John Loudon.
James Thomson Macdonald.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
William Neilson.
William Speirs.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.

Colonel Buchanan, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 29th January, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

Burgh Police (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1911.—Petitions by occupiers of registered premises for public refreshment.

With reference to the by-laws made under the Burgh Police (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1911, the Clerk submitted petitions which he had received from the occupiers of registered premises in (1) Bellshill District, and (2) Dykehead and Stane, requesting that the provisions of the by-laws, so far as regulating the hours of opening and closing of registered premises for public refreshment, should be reconsidered with a view to their modification.

The Clerk stated that in the former case the petitioners were anxious to be heard in support of their petition, and that they had consulted an agent in the matter, who, along with representatives of the petitioners, was in attendance. The meeting having agreed to hear the petitioners' representatives, there were introduced Mr. W. Gordon Shaw, solicitor, Glasgow, along with Mr. Agostina Coia and other occupiers of registered premises within the Bellshill District.

Committee agreed not to recommend modification of By-laws.

Mr. Shaw having made a statement on behalf of his clients, and having suggested alternative hours of closing, which his clients had indicated they would be prepared to accept, the chairman stated that the views expressed would receive the consideration of the committee, and their decision would be communicated to Mr. Shaw by the Clerk.

The meeting, after consideration of both petitions and of the representations made by Mr. Shaw, instructed the Clerk to say that as no new facts or circumstances had been stated, of which the Council were not fully advised before making the By-laws, and as the By-laws had only recently come into operation, they did not see their way to recommend any modification of them.

Livingstone Centenary Celebrations.—Proposal to endow, improve, and extend Blantyre Cottage Hospital.—Meeting with Committee of Management of Hospital.

Under reference to the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, the Chairman reported that the Sub-Committee which had been appointed in connection with the Livingstone Centenary had agreed to make a personal inspection of the Blantyre Cottage Hospital, and to consider a representation that the centenary of the birth of Dr. Livingstone might appropriately be celebrated in this County by the raising of a fund for the endowment, improvement, and extension of the Hospital. Accordingly, he and other members of the Sub-Committee, including Colonel Stewart and Messrs. Jackson, Mitchell, and Pollok, met at the Hospital on 10th instant Mr. A. Millar Bannatyne, chairman of the Committee of Management, and other members, and, after inspecting the Hospital, had obtained information as to its objects and financial position.

Agreed that appeal be given as much publicity as possible.

The members of the sub-committee were favourably impressed with the manner in which the hospital was managed and equipped, and, after consideration, agreed to recommend that an appeal be made by the County Council to the inhabitants of the County and others interested towards the raising of a fund for the purpose indicated,

The meeting approved, and remitted to Colonel King Stewart, Colonel Buchanan, and the Clerk, to adjust the terms of an appeal, and instructed the Clerk to take such steps as he may consider advisable with a view to giving the appeal as much publicity as possible

Public service in Glasgow Cathedral.—Appointment of representatives.

There was laid before the meeting a communication, of date 7th instant, from Mr. John S. Samuel, City Chambers, Glasgow, intimating that a public service in connection with the Livingstone Centenary Celebration will be held in Glasgow Cathedral on 19th proximo, and inviting this Local Authority to appoint representatives to attend the service as representing this County Council.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed that the members of the committee present, along with Mr. Pollok, be appointed to attend the service in Glasgow Cathedral, as representing the County.

CINEMATOGRAPH ACT, 1909.

Public Hall, Stonehouse.

The Clerk reported that, after meeting with the Engineer, the Trustees for the Public Hall, Stonehouse, had carried out all the alterations recommended by the Committee at their meeting on 22nd January last with the exception of the provision of an additional exit, instead of which the door leading to the passage behind the platform had been widened from 2 feet 9 inches to 4 feet, and that on receiving a satisfactory report from the Engineer after the alterations had been carried out, he had granted an interim licence to Mr. Robert Bruce, the hall-keeper, for the period from Saturday, 15th, to Friday, 21st curt.

The meeting approved, and after consideration agreed to grant a licence for one year from 15th curt.

Transfer of licence of hall at Crown Hotel, Strathaven.

The Clerk submitted letters from Messrs. Davidson & Shirley, Writers, Lanark, making application on behalf of Mr. James MacAndrew, Lanark, for transfer of the licence presently held by Mr. George Green, Glasgow, in respect of the hall at the Crown Hotel, Strathaven. Letters having also been submitted from Mr. Green, the present licensee, agreeing to the transfer, and from Mrs. Kemp, the proprietrix of the hall, stating that it had now been let to Mr. MacAndrew, the meeting agreed to transfer the licence accordingly.

Alterations to Public Hall, Shotts.

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from Mr. John Gilfillan on behalf of the Public Hall Committee, Shotts, together with a plan of alterations carried out at the Hall.

The Clerk reported that the first intimation he had received of the alteration was a telephone message from the licensee, Mr. Ellis, stating that an outside enclosure had been constructed, and requesting permission to re-open the hall for entertainments; and that he had informed Mr. Ellis that the approval of the committee to the alterations should first have been obtained in terms of the licence.

The committee, having considered the alterations as shown on the plan, were of opinion that the means of entrance to the operator's box was unsatisfactory, and remitted to the Convener and Mr. Loudon, with the Clerk and Engineer, to make an inspection and report to next meeting.

Cinematograph Act.—Alleged infringement.—Remit to Clerk.

Information having been submitted to the Committee with regard to an alleged infringement of the Cinematograph Act, in respect of the use of inflammable films in connection with entertainments for which no licence under the Act had been granted, the meeting remitted the matter to the Clerk with powers to employ the services of an expert should he consider this necessary.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 12th March, 1913, being a meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 12th March, 1913.

Present—

Colonel Buchanan.	Alexander R. Mitchell.
William Davie.	William Neilson.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.	James C. Pollok.
Alexander Hamilton.	Colonel King Stewart.
John Jackson.	William Templeton.
John Loudon.	James Tonner.

Colonel Buchanan, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 19th February, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk submitted a Report (Appendix I.) containing a summary of the work done by the Inspectors appointed under the Shops Act for the month of Jannary, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the Committee. *Report of Inspectors for month of January.*

With reference to the proposed Closing Order for the Parish of Cambuslang, the Clerk stated that, although the period within which Petitions against the Order required to be presented to the Secretary for Scotland expired on 6th current, no intimation had yet been received from the Secretary for Scotland of his approval of the Order. He, however, submitted a letter from the Secretary for Scotland suggesting a drafting amendment with the object of placing it beyond doubt that the exceptions which the Order provides with respect to the closing hours during the Glasgow Fair and New Year holidays were without prejudice to the provisions of the Act relating to a weekly half holiday. The Clerk stated that in reply he had informed the Secretary for Scotland that the suggested amendment would be given effect to. The meeting approved. *Proposed Closing Order for Parish of Cambuslang. — Communication from Secretary for Scotland.*

With regard to the proposed Closing Order for Bailieston under the Shops Act, 1912, the Clerk reported that a vote of the occupiers of the shops proposed to be affected by the Order had been taken, and he submitted the voting papers which had been returned to him. He further stated that all the voting papers had been carefully scrutinised and compared with the Register, and that the result was as follows, viz. :— *Proposed Closing Order for Bailieston. —Result of vote.*

Name of Trade.	Yes.	No.	No Reply.	Required Majority.
Baker (2), ...	1	1	—	2
Bookseller and Stationer (2), ...	—	2	—	2
Boot & Shoe Maker & Merchant (7), .	4	—	3	5
Butcher (6), ...	5	—	1	4
Draper and Clothier (5), ...	—	2	3	4
Grocer (15), ...	8	4	3	10

The meeting, after consideration, and in view of the fact that the only class in which the required two-thirds majority had been obtained was the Butchers, of whom there were only 6, agreed that it would be unadvisable to make an Order, and instructed the Clerk to communicate the decision of the committee to the Merchants' Association. *Agreed not to make Closing Order.*

Communication from Shotts Merchants' Association requesting Closing Order.

There was submitted to the meeting a communication which had been received from the Secretary of the Shotts Merchants' Association, requesting that a Closing Order be made for that district.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed that before any steps are taken to give effect to the request, a *prima facie* case should be made out, and instructed the Clerk accordingly.

Proposed weekly Half-holiday Order for Lower Ward District.

With reference to the proposed Weekly Half-holiday Order for the Lower Ward District, the Clerk stated that as a result of inquiries which had been made, it had been ascertained that the provisions of the Act relating to a weekly half-holiday Order were being generally observed throughout the district, and that all of them, with the exception of about 14, who observed Thursday, had fixed Wednesday as the weekly half-holiday.

Agreed not to make Half-holiday Order meantime.

The meeting, in the circumstances, considered it unnecessary in the meantime to proceed with the making of a Half-holiday Order.

Exemption from weekly Half-holiday Order.—Letter from Mr. James Steele, watchmaker, Carnwath.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from Mr. James Steele, watchmaker Carnwath, of date 3rd current, making application to be exempted from the provisions of the Act with respect to the Weekly Half-holiday Order. The Clerk stated that he had written to the applicant stating that the Act did not contemplate the making of Exemption Orders with respect to individual shopkeepers, but that if a general desire were expressed on behalf of the watchmakers and jewellers in the county, or in one or other of the three districts in the county, the matter would receive the careful consideration of the Committee. The meeting approved.

By-Laws. — Registered Premises for public refreshment.—Results of prosecutions.

With reference to the By-laws regulating registered premises for public refreshment, the Clerk reported that in accordance with the instructions of the committee, proceedings had been instituted in three cases, viz. :—

(1) George Cosimini, Bellshill, in respect of failure to register his premises ;

(2) Petro Barilone, Bellshill ; and

(3) Lewi Moochie, New Stevenston, in respect of failure to observe the closing hours specified in the By-laws ;

that in the first-mentioned case the accused had pled guilty, and was fined 5s., with the alternative of three days' imprisonment, and that proceedings in the other two cases were pending.

Communication from the Chief Constable as to proceedings in other cases being instituted.

The Clerk having submitted a letter from the Chief Constable, stating that the By-Laws were still being openly defied, the meeting agreed that the By-laws should be enforced, and instructed the Clerk to take proceedings in other cases.

Claim by G. Ferrie, Stonehouse.

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from Mr. G. Ferrie, Stonehouse, of date 7th current, making a claim for payment of £12 in respect of loss alleged to have been sustained by him through the operation of the By-laws. The Clerk stated that he had written denying liability, and the meeting approved.

Band By-laws. — Information against Neil Barrie and others.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting information against Neil Barrie and others, being members of the Airdrie Bagpipe Band, for an offence against the By-laws made by the County Council regulating the procession of bands, etc. The circumstances having been explained, the meeting agreed that the requirements of the case might be met by a warning, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

Livingstone Centenary.—Circulation of appeal.

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting, the Clerk stated that by way of giving as great publicity as possible to the appeal for funds in connection with the Livingstone Centenary, the appeal had been advertised in *The Glasgow Herald* and the local newspapers, and that he had issued nearly 3,000 copies of the appeal to the inhabitants of the County and others. He further stated that he had made an appeal to the Churches in the County, and also to the owners of public works, with a view to enlisting their support.

The meeting approved of the steps taken.

Cinematograph Act, 1909.—Licence granted to S. Johnson & Sons.

The Clerk reported that on receipt of an application by Messrs. S. Johnson & Sons, Travelling Showmen, for a licence under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of their moveable structure then situated at Stonehouse, the Engineer had made an inspection of the erection, and had recommended that the operator's box should be lined with asbestos. This was done, and the premises being otherwise suitable, a licence was issued for one year to 21st February, 1914. The meeting approved.

Transfer of licence of hall at Bothwell Haugh.

There was submitted to the meeting an application by Mr. Andrew Lindsay, Bothwell Haugh, for transfer of the licence presently held by Mr. John Coates, in respect of the hall at Bothwell Haugh. A satisfactory police report having also been submitted. the meeting agreed to transfer the licence accordingly.

Alterations to Public Hall, Shotts.

The Clerk read the minutes of meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to inspect the alterations carried out at the Public Hall, Shotts, of date 25th February last (Appendix II.). The meeting approved of the Sub-Committee' recommendations, and instructed the Clerk to communicate them to Mr. Gilfillan, the Secretary of the Public Hall Committee.

12th March, 1913.

APPENDIX I.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

SHOPS ACT 1912.

REPORT OF WORK DONE BY THE INSPECTORS DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1913.

During the month inspections were made in 12 localities, and 57 shops were visited (see Table appended). These shops, classified according to trades, were as follows:—

Boot and Shoemakers,	4	Hardware Merchant,	1
Grocers,	15	Ironmonger,	1
Butchers,	3	Pawnbroker,	1
Coal Merchant,	1	Stationers,	3
Dairykeepers,	3	Wine and Spirit Merchants,	5
Drapers,	5	Mixed shops,	14
Hairdresser and Newsagent,	1		

During these visits 30 contraventions were detected, and related chiefly to the want of statutory notices, which the shopkeepers did not know how to procure. To facilitate matters a supply of notices has been printed, and 28 of these have been issued during the month.

Eight localities were visited on the weekly half-holiday when it was found that the provisions of the Act were being complied with generally, the only shops open being small "mixed shops" and other exempted businesses. These were inspected, and the following contraventions detected, viz.:—

8 cases of failure to exhibit the statutory notices.

3 cases of notices unsatisfactory or improperly exhibited.

2 cases of street trading of hardware and oil by van.

A barber's and hairdresser's business carried on in connection with a newsagent and tobacconist's shop open after 1.30 p.m.

Verbal cautions were given by the inspectors in all the above contraventions.

In connection with the proposed Half-Holiday Order for the Lower Ward of the County, inspection was made at the various localities to be affected by the Order for the purpose of revising the Register of Shopkeepers.

During the month a number of communications from various shopkeepers, &c. making complaints, or stating their difficulties regarding the working of the Act, were enquired into by the inspectors.

TABLE SHOWING INSPECTIONS TO LOCALITIES, VISITS TO SHOPS, AND CONTRAVENTIONS DETECTED.

LOCALITIES.	Inspections.	Visits to Shops.	CONTRAVENTIONS.					
			Failure to close for Half-day Weekly.	Failure to give Assistants Weekly Half-holiday	Failure to give proper intervals for Meals.	Failure to provide Seats for Female Assistants.	Failure to exhibit Statutory Notices.	Street trading by Van, &c., on Half-holiday.
Annathill,	1	6	...	...	...	...	5	...
Blantyre,	1	2	...	1	...	...	..	...
Bothwell,	1	8	...	..	..	...	5	...
Broomhouse,	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	..
Cambuslang,	1	2	...	...	..	...	2	...
Carmyle,	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
East Kilbride,	1	2	...	..	...	...	1	1
Glenboig,	1	5	...	...	...	1	2	...
Greengairs,	1	5	...	...	...	...	..	...
Longriggend,	2	21	...	...	1	...	7	...
Roughrigg,	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...
Uddingston,	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
	13	57	1	1	1	1	24	2

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County Offices,
Hamilton, 14*th February*, 1913.

APPENDIX II.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE *RE* SHOTTS PUBLIC HALL.

25th February 1913. At SHOTTS, and within the Public Hall, there, upon Tuesday, 25th February, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed by the General Purposes Committee to inspect the alterations made at Shotts Public Hall.

Present—

Colonel King Stewart. | John Loudon.

Attending—

Alexander Scott, C.E., County Engineer.

Remit. The Clerk read the remit to the committee.

Recommendations by sub-committee. The committee, having made an inspection of the Public Hall, Shotts, and of the operating chamber recently erected, were satisfied that the chamber did not comply with the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, and having so informed representatives of the committee in charge of the Public Hall who were present, they indicated that if the following alterations were carried out, the sub-committee would recommend them for the approval of the General Purposes Committee, viz. :—

(1) To permanently close the door which now opens upon the entrance to the auditorium.
(2) To construct a new door entering on the vacant ground to the south of the hall
(3) To cover the fittings of the aperture of the pay-box with asbestos or other fire-proof material.
(4) To entirely remove the trap door, and to undertake that no person other than the operator shall occupy that part of the operating chamber, which is exclusively used as a pay-box.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 2nd April, 1913, being a meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 2nd April, 1913.

Present—

William Davie.	John Loudon.
Alexander Hamilton.	James T. Macdonadd.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.	William Neilson.
John Jackson.	James C. Pollok.

Chairman.

In the absence of Colonel Buchanan, from whom an apology was submitted, Mr. Neilson was appointed chairman of the meeting.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, of date 22nd March, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Shops Act.—Report of Inspectors.

There was submitted a Report (Appendix) of work done by the Inspectors under the Shops Act during the month of February, a print of which had been sent to each member of the Committee.

Refreshment By-Laws.—Decision in two cases pending at last meeting.

With reference to the by-laws regulating registered premises for public refreshment, the Clerk reported that since the date of last meeting, the two cases then pending had been decided and that in one case, that of Lewi Moochei, who had been tried at Hamilton, the Court had imposed a penalty of £1 or 10 days, and in the other case, that of Pietro Barilona, who had been tried at Bellshill, the Court had imposed the maximum penalty of £5 or 30 days.

Result of prosecutions in additional cases.

The Clerk reported that in addition to these cases proceedings had been taken against the occupiers of five shops in the Upper Ward, four being in Carluke and one in Lesmahagow, and that the cases had been disposed of at the Lanark J.P. Court on 17th ultimo, as follows, viz. :—

(1) Ferruccio Lena, Carluke, fined £3 or 20 days. Stated case asked for.

(2) Thomas Waddell, Carluke, fined £3 or 20 days.

(3) Valerio Eliadora, Carluke. Two offences. The accused being absent in Italy the case was continued.

(4) Guilio Valerio, Lesmahagow, fined £2 or 14 days. In this case the offence was in respect of non-registration.

The Clerk stated that, as instructed at last meeting, he had sent further informations to the J.P. Fiscals, and that several cases were pending in the Bellshill and Hamilton Districts.

Letter from Mr. J. K. Murray, solicitor, Motherwell.

The Clerk submitted and read a letter from Mr. J. K. Murray, solicitor, Motherwell, which was in the following terms, viz. :—

"The Cross, Motherwell,
"27th March, 1913.

"Dear Sir,

"Places for Public Refreshment Bye-laws.

"I have, as you may be aware, applied for stated cases arising out of the prosecutions in Hamilton and Bellshill, and have lodged the deposit for expenses and paid the fees due to the Clerk of Court.

"Should I be successful, the amount of the fines will, of course, be returned, but in the event of further prosecutions being raised and fines imposed, these fines will either require to be paid, without relief, or further stated cases applied for. Even if I apply for a stated case following upon every conviction, the Court of Justiciary will only hear one and sist the others, so that no good whatever can follow the multiplication of prosecutions at this stage. I am quite prepared to hear your Committee say that until one of the convictions has been squashed they are entitled to proceed against every contravening trader, but, as the contravention betwixt now and a decision in the appealed cases will neither affect the moral nor the economic conditions of the community, I do appeal to your Committee to stay their hands meantime. Frankly, it is beyond the resources of the individual traders to pay a fine and deposit security in every case, while, at the same time, should the fines be paid and the cases not appealed the fines so paid can never be recovered.

"As the appeals are being proceeded with with all possible speed, and as my clients will unanimously bow to the decision of the Court, whatever that decision may be, I hope I can trust and depend upon the generosity of your Committee to let the matter be fought out upon Appeal, without resorting to a multiplication of Prosecutions.

"Yours faithfully,

"(Signed) JOHN K. MURRAY."

Request not agreed to.

The meeting, after consideration, instructed the Clerk to reply that the by-laws must be enforced.

Additional information submitted.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting over 40 additional informations against occupiers of refreshment shops for alleged contraventions of the by-laws, from which it appeared that, notwithstanding the convictions already obtained, the by-laws were being openly defied.

Case of Ferruccio Lena.—Letter from Mr. J. M. Davidson, J.P. Fiscal, Lanark.

He submitted, at the same time, a letter from Mr. J. M. Davidson, J.P. Fiscal at Lanark, transmitting a further information against Ferruccio Lena in respect of a continued offence.

Additional informations to be sent to J.P. Fiscals.

The meeting, in the circumstances, agreed that every effort should be made to enforce the by-laws, and instructed the Clerk to transmit the additional informations to the respective J.P. Fiscals with a view to prosecutions

Cambuslang Closing Order.—Communication from Secretary for Scotland.—Confirmed Order published.

The Clerk laid before the meeting a letter from the Under Secretary for Scotland, of date 13th March, returning, duly confirmed by the Secretary for Scotland, the Closing Order made by the County Council in terms of the Shops Act, 1912, fixing the hours of closing of certain classes of shops within the Parish of Cambuslang. The Clerk stated that he had caused publication of the confirmed Order to be made in accordance with the regulations of the Secretary for Scotland, and that the Order was now in operation.

Proposed Closing Order for Baillieston.

With reference to the proposed Closing Order for Baillieston District, the Clerk stated that since he had communicated the result of the voting to the Secretary of the Local Merchants' Association, a few voting papers had been returned to him. The meeting, however, agreed that in view of the interval which had elapsed between the date named for the return of the voting papers and the date on which the papers in question had been received, it would be inexpedient to take cognisance of these returns.

The committee at the same time instructed the Clerk to inform the local Merchants' Association that if in the course of a year there was evidence of a general desire for a Closing Order the committee would be prepared to consider the propriety of proceeding *de novo*.

Livingstone Centenary Celebrations.—Subscriptions to date.

With reference to the appeal for funds made in connection with the Livingstone Centenary Celebrations, the Clerk stated that so far the subscriptions received by him amounted to about £200.

Cinematograph Act, 1909. Masonic Hall, East Kilbride.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from Mr. Richard Gray-Murray, Glasgow, dated 22nd March, making application for a licence under the Cinematograph Act, in respect of the Masonic Hall, East Kilbride.

A report by the Engineer regarding the hall having also been read, the meeting were of opinion that the hall as at present constructed was not suitable for cinematograph entertainments.

Railway Hall, Chapelhall.

The Clerk reported that Mr J. Mulheron, Bellshill, having intimated his intention to apply for a licence under the Cinematograph Act, in respect of the Railway Hall, Chapelhall, the Engineer had inspected the premises, and his report was read to the meeting.

After consideration, the meeting instructed the Clerk to inform Mr Mulheron that owing to the unsatisfactory construction of the hall they were not prepared to grant a licence.

Renewal of licence.—Hall at Crown Hotel, Strathaven.

There was submitted to the meeting an application by Messrs. Davidson & Shirley, Writers, Lanark, on behalf of Mr. James MacAndrew, Lanark, for renewal for one year of the licence held by him in respect of the hall at the Crown Hotel, Strathaven.

A satisfactory report by the police having been read, the meeting agreed to renew the licence for one year to 25th March, 1914.

APPENDIX,

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

SHOPS ACT 1912.

REPORT OF WORK DONE BY THE INSPECTORS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1913.

During the month inspections were made in 16 localities and 133 shops were visited (see Table appended). These shops, classified according to trade, were as follows:—

Bakers,	5	Hairdressers,	2
Boot and Shoemakers,	4	Hardware Merchants,	4
Butchers,	3	Licensed Hawkers,	3
Chemists,	1	Newsagents,	3
Dairykeepers,	2	Painter,	1
Drapers,	8	Tailors,	4
General Dealers,	1	Wine and Spirit Merchants,	8
Grocers,	33	Mixed shops,	51

In course of these visits 62 contraventions were detected, and related chiefly to the want of statutory notices, which the shopkeepers did not know how to procure. To facilitate matters a supply of notices has been printed, and 47 of these have been issued during the month.

Eleven localities were visited on the weekly half-holiday, when it was found that the provisions of the Act were being complied with generally, the only shops open being small "mixed shops" and other exempted businesses. These were inspected, and the following contraventions detected:—

10 cases of failure to exhibit the statutory notices.
7 cases of notices unsatisfactory or improperly exhibited.
3 cases of street trading (drapery).
3 cases of failure to close.
3 cases of supplying non-exempted goods.
2 cases of employing an assistant after 1.30 p.m.

Verbal cautions were given by the inspectors in all the above contraventions.

Attention should be drawn to the question of street trading on the weekly half-holiday, which is rather prevalent in some localities. Licensed hawkers by van and pack were detected selling such goods as hardware, oil, drapery, &c. On being questioned by the inspector they pleaded ignorance of the requirements of the statute. They were warned, and in every case they immediately stopped selling their goods, although in all probability they would resume selling when they got away from the inspector's presence.

During the month communications from shopkeepers, one complaining about street trading, and the other about goods being sold on the half-holiday, were inquired into by the inspectors.

TABLE SHOWING INSPECTIONS TO LOCALITIES, VISITS TO SHOPS, AND CONTRAVENTIONS DETECTED.

LOCALITIES.	Inspections.	Visits to Shops.	CONTRAVENTIONS.							
			Failure to close for Half-day Weekly.	Supplying Non-Exempted Goods on Half-Holiday.	Street Trading by Van, &c., on Half-Holiday.	Failure to give Assistants Weekly Half-holiday at 1.30 p.m.	Failure to give proper intervals for Meals.	Failure to provide Seats for Female Assistants.	Employing Young Persons under 18 years more than 74 hours per week	Failure to exhibit Statutory Notices.
Bargeddie,	1	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Birkenshaw,	1	1	1	...	...		...	...	...	...
Cambuslang,	1	4	..	.		...		...	..	4
Carfin,	1	25	2	...	...	.	...	..		8
Coalburn,	1	8	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	..
Eastfield,	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Glenmavis,	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Holytown,	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Larkhall,	1	16	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	8
Law,	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Lesmahagow,	1	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Newarthill,	1	25	...	...	...	...	...	1		8
New Stevenston,	1	5	...	...	1	1	...	...	.	4
Shotts,	1	2	...	...	1		.		...	1
Stonehouse,	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Strathaven,	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
	16	133	3	3	3	2	...	1	...	50

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Hamilton, *March*, 1913.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 29th January, 1913, being a Meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 29th January, 1913.

Present—

John Adam.	Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
James Anderson.	William Love.
Colonel Buchanan.	William Neilson.
James H. Fenton.	Gavin A. Shanks.
George Fraser.	Colonel King Stewart.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Sym
Robert Lambie.	

William Templeton.

Attending—

The following additional members of the special committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, viz. :—

James Cameron.	James Steele, Senr.

David Thomson.

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee.

Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 16th January, 1913, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved and signed by the chairman. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk reported the proceedings at a meeting of the sub-committee on the Lanark County Tramways Act held this day, all as set forth in the minutes of the sub-committee which form Appendix I. hereto. The meeting approved. *Minutes of Sub-Committee on Lanark County Tramways.*

The Clerk reported that in connection with the promotion of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, compliance with the preliminary General Orders had been proved before the Examiners by the Parliamentary Agents on 23rd current. He also reported that the time for lodging petitions against the Order had expired on 28th instant, and that he had intimation that Petitions had been lodged against the Bill by the following eleven objectors, viz. :— *Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order. — Compliance with General Orders proved. — Petitions lodged against the Bill.*

1. Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Motherwell.
2. Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Hamilton.
3. Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Wishaw.
4. Trustees for the Right Honourable Edward Arthur Baron Colebrooke.

5. Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, K.T., and proprietors of Braidhirst and Milton.
6. Robert Addie & Sons' Collieries, Limited, and other twenty-four owners and lessees of coalfields and other properties.
7. Anderson, Boyes, & Company, Limited, and other sixteen manufacturers and owners.
8. Clyde Valley Electrical Power Company.
9. Lanarkshire Tramways Company.
10. North British Railway Company.
11. Cambuslang Gas Company, Limited.

He anticipated that one or two Petitions would yet be lodged. He had perused the Petitions lodged, but had not had time to prepare a Memorandum regarding their contents before this meeting. On the Clerk's suggestion it was agreed that when all the Petitions against the Order had been lodged he should prepare Notes setting forth the points raised in the various Petitions for the committee's consideration at a future meeting.

Memorandum on points raised by deputations at last meeting.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that the Memorandum dealing with the points raised by the respective deputations received by the committee at their meeting on 16th current had been prepared, and was now in the hands of the members. He suggested that consideration of this Memorandum might be delayed until the Notes regarding the contents of the Petitions had been issued, as certain of the Petitions raised points dealt with in the Memorandum, and that the Memorandum and Notes might then be considered together. The committee approved.

Airdrie Corporation Gas Order.

With reference to the Airdrie Corporation Gas Order, the Clerk intimated that a meeting of the Middle Ward District Committee was to be held to-day to consider this Order, at which meeting representatives from Airdrie Corporation were to be present, and he suggested that, in these circumstances, further consideration of the Order might be conveniently delayed until the views of the District Committee were laid before this committee. The committee approved.

Caledonian Railway Order.—Protective clauses to be inserted.

The Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place between the Solicitor of the Caledonian Railway Company, the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee, and himself, regarding the insertion in the Provisional Order being promoted this session by the Caledonian Railway Company of clauses for the protection of the County Authorities. As a result of that meeting an undertaking to insert clauses in terms approved by Mr. Whyte and himself had been given by the Solicitor of the Caledonian Railway Company, and in these circumstances it had not been necessary to lodge a Petition against the Order.

Proposed extension of Burgh of Renfrew.

There was submitted the following letter from the Town-Clerk of Renfrew, viz. :—

" Town-Clerk Office,
" Renfrew, 21st January, 1913.

" DEAR SIR,

" BOUNDARIES.

" I shall be glad if you could arrange for a meeting of your committee with my sub-committee to discuss proposals to include within the boundaries of the Burgh of Renfrew that detached portion of the County of Lanark lying between the eastern boundaries of the Burgh and the extended boundary of the City of Glasgow.

" Yours faithfully,

(Signed) " ANDREW R. HARPER.

" THOMAS MUNRO, Esq.,
" County Clerk,
" Hamilton."

In this connection the Clerk explained that under the recent Glasgow Boundaries Act the whole of the South Govan District had been annexed to the City of Glasgow, with the exception of the small portion comprising the lands of Deanside. These lands were purely agricultural, and the Electoral Division had practically disappeared, as there were only six County electors left in the County area.

The Clerk reminded the committee that in 1898 the Burgh of Renfrew had proposed to annex these lands or parts of them under a Bill which was being promoted that session for the purpose of obtaining power to form a dock, but that the Bill had been dropped. Various negotiations had subsequently taken place between the Burgh of Renfrew and the County Council, as a result of which it had been practically agreed that this area should be ceded to the Burgh of Renfrew provided suitable terms could be adjusted.

Sub-Committee appointed.

The committee agreed to remit to a sub-committee to meet representatives of the Burgh of Renfrew to discuss the proposal, and to report. The following sub-committee was appointed:—The Convener, Vice-Convener, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Speirs, with Mr. Michie.

APPENDIX I.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON LANARK COUNTY TRAMWAYS.

29th January, 1913. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 29th January, 1913, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark appointed in connection with the Lanark County Tramways Act, 1912.

Present—

GEORGE FRASER. | ROBERT LAMBIE.
ALEXANDER HAMILTON. | WILLIAM NEILSON.
WILLIAM TEMPLETON.

Attending—

Mr. G. F. MÖLLER, Manager of the Lanarkshire Tramways Company.

Chairman. Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the sub-committee, of date 8th January, 1913, which had been submitted to and approved by the Parliamentary Bills Committee, were laid before the meeting and signed.

Terms of contract adjusted, except allowance for maintenance. The Clerk reported that since last meeting he had been in correspondence with the British Thomson-Houston Company, Limited, and the Lanarkshire Tramways Company, and had been able to arrange all the points of difference which had emerged in the course of adjusting the terms of the contract for the new tramways other than the question of the allowance to be made to the contractors for maintenance. He reminded the sub-committee of their decision on this point at last meeting, and stated that he had understood that the concession then made would meet the contractors' views. From the correspondence which had taken place with the British Thomson-Houston Company, Limited, since last meeting it, however, appeared that the contractors' intention was that a contingency fund of £1,500 should be provided to cover faulty workmanship and material, the basis of 10 per cent. profit being, the contractors alleged, too low to cover the risks which they would have to take on their sub-contractors' materials, their errors, and faulty labour on site. The contractors' proposal had been placed before the Lanarkshire Tramways Company, and on 21st current the Company had written intimating that so far as they were concerned it would not object to the concession desired. The Clerk expressed the opinion that, if this arrangement were agreed to, the contingency fund for maintenance need not be established.

Contingency fund of £1,500 agreed to. The sub-committee agreed to accede to the contractors' demand regarding the contingency fund, and remitted to the Clerk to adjust the contract accordingly.

With reference to the proposal to alter the telegraph poles at Bellshill, the Clerk reminded the committee of the position in which this matter had been left at last meeting. He reported that since the date of that meeting Mr. Möller had gone carefully into the question of the probable expenditure which the County Council would incur in altering the poles if this work were delayed till the tramways were actually being constructed. Mr. Möller then explained to the meeting the basis on which he was accustomed to estimate for work of this kind, and stated that, as the result of his experience in carrying out similar alterations on other parts of the Company's system, he considered the work could be done for a sum of between £400 to £450, after allowing credits for old material. *Alteration of telegraph poles in Bellshill.*

The sub-committee agreed to empower the Clerk to offer the Postmaster-General a contribution of £425 as the fair equivalent of the expense which they would themselves have incurred in altering the telegraph poles. *Postmaster-General to be offered contribution of £425.*

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Monday, 10th February, 1913, being a Special Meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 10th February, 1913.

Present—

James Anderson.	William Neilson.
George Fraser.	Gavin A. Shanks.
Alexander Hamilton.	William Speirs.
Robert Lambie.	William Sym.
William Love.	William Templeton.

and

The following additional members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order:—

James Steele, Senior.	David Thomson.

Mr. George Fraser, Chairman of the Committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk submitted a letter from Messrs. Grahames, Currey, & Spens, dated 5th current, intimating that the Chairmen of Committees were to meet on Thursday, 13th current, to decide which of the Scottish Orders should proceed as Private Bills, and that any representation in regard thereto would have to be lodged by 11th current. *Letter from Parliamentary Agents enquiring if representation to be made to chairmen of committees.*

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that no representation on the subject need be made. *No representation to be made*

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

26th February, 1913. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 26th February, 1913, being a Meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

James Anderson.	*William M. Marshall.
Colonel Buchanan.	*William Neilson.
James H. Fenton.	Gavin A. Shanks.
*George Fraser.	William Speirs.
*Alexander Hamilton.	William Sym.
*Robert Lambie.	Colonel King Stewart.
*William Love.	James Tonner.

William Templeton.

and the following additional members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order :—

James Cameron.	David Thomson.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee.

Chairman Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Apologies. Apologies for absence were intimated from Mr. Hamilton Houldsworth and Mr. James Steele, Senior.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of meetings of committee The minutes of meetings of the committee of 29th January and 10th February 913, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the committee, were, submitted, approved, and signed.

Minutes of sub-committees. The minutes of meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Lanark County Tramways, of date 29th January, 1913, which form Appendix I. to the minutes of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of that date, and the minutes of meetings of the Sub-Committee *re* Blantyre Gas, of dates 5th and 19th February. 1913, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the committee, were submitted and approved.

Blantyre Gas.—Amendment of table appended to minute of sub-committee. On the suggestion of Mr. Lambie the table forming Appendix II. to the minutes of the Sub-Committee *re* Blantyre Gas, of 5th February, 1913, was amended by the insertion of a note and appropriate markings drawing attention to the differences between the candle powers of the gas manufactured by the Blantyre Gas Company and Hamilton Corporation as entered in that table and as stated in the report by Mr. Wilson forming Appendix I. to that minute.

Airdrie Gas Order.—Draft clause for protection of County Authorities. The Clerk reported that following upon the meeting of this committee with representatives of the Airdrie Corporation on 16th January, 1913, and the meeting between representatives of that Corporation and the Middle Ward District Committee referred to in the minute of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of 29th January, 1913, the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee had prepared draft clauses for the protection of the County Authorities as regards roads, the right of the County Authorities to supply gas in the proposed extended area of supply in certain contingencies, the prices to be charged to consumers therein, and the conservation of the County Council's right to supply electric light, and that he had approved of the

* Those members are also members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.

draft clauses which had been thereafter forwarded to the Town Clerk of Airdrie. He stated that, provided the Corporation of Airdrie were willing to insert these clauses in the Order, it would be unnecessary for the County Council to continue their opposition. The committee approved.

Control of River Clyde.—Correspondence with Lord Inverclyde.

The Clerk also reported that, subsequent to the meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee on 8th January, he had written to Lord Inverclyde informing him that the committee had remitted his letter of 6th January, 1913, regarding the question of control of the River Clyde, to a small sub-committee, and intimating that the members of that sub-committee would be glad to have an opportunity of conferring with his Lordship on the subject. He had received a letter from Lord Inverclyde dated 31st ultimo, stating that in view of the manner in which events had developed, and there now being no prospect of any action being taken until the Bills being promoted in connection with the Greenock Harbour Trust had been before Parliament, the sub-committee might not now desire to see him and that he did not think he could further matters at present. In these circumstances the committee agreed that it was unnecessary to take any further action, but meantime continued the remit to the sub-committee.

Further action meantime delayed, and remit continued.

Representations from telephone users in Cambuslang.—Letter from General Post Office.

With reference to the representations made to the County Council by telephone users in Cambuslang, the Clerk stated that he had written to the Postmaster-General on the subject, on 2nd December, 1912, and had received a letter from the Secretary of the General Post Office, dated 16th December, 1912, enclosing copy of the following answer by the Postmaster-General to a question on the subject by Mr. Whitehouse, in the House of Commons on 9th October, viz. :—

> "58. Mr. Whitehouse.—To ask the Postmaster-General whether the telephone subscribers in Cambuslang are no longer allowed to use the Glasgow area without extra charge, and, if so, whether this new arrangement is intended to be permanent. (Wednesday 9th October).
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> "No. 58. The Postmaster-General's answer to Mr. Whitehouse's question for Wednesday, 9th October, 1912.—New telephone subscribers in Cambuslang are required to subscribe at the current tariff which involves the payment of junction line fees on Calls to Exchanges in the Glasgow Area, other than Cambuslang, Shettleston, and Baillieston. This arrangement, which has been in force for the last two years, will come under review in connection with the general revision of rates which I have promised."

The Secretary of the Post Office also stated that the revision of rates referred to would be undertaken when the purchase price of the ex-National Telephone Company's plant had been settled, and that as regards the party line system he had to explain that existing subscribers were not being disturbed except where the number on a party line originally intended for 10 subscribers or more, has fallen to 5 or under, in which case the continuance of the party line at the original rates would, as recognised by the Council, be unremunerative. The Clerk reported that he had communicated this letter to the Secretary of the Cambuslang Telephone Users Association, and had understood from him that the Local Association intended to send a Petition to the Postmaster-General. This, however, had not yet been done but he was informed that the Petition would now be sent on an early date.

Clerk instructed to write Secretary, Post Office.

The Committee agreed that the Clerk should write to the Secretary of the General Post Office informing him that he had submitted his letter to this Committee, who would await with interest the Postmaster's decision, but would be glad if, before finally deciding on the course to be adopted, the Postmaster-General would communicate to the Committee his intentions, in order that the Committee might, if they thought fit, have an opportunity of submitting to the Postmaster-General further representations on the subject.

Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order to proceed as an Order.

The Clerk reported that he had communicated to the Council's Parliamentary Agents the Committee's decision that no representation should be made as to whether the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order should proceed as a Private Bill or as an Order. He now submitted a letter from Messrs. Grahames Currey & Spens, dated 17th February, 1913, intimating that the Chairmen of Committees had decided that the Order should proceed as such and not as a Private Bill.

Letter from District Committee of Middle Ward.

The Clerk reported that he had communicated to the Middle Ward District Committee the resolution passed by the County Council at the statutory meeting on 29th January last, confirming the propriety of promoting the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, subject to the deletion of clauses 34, 35, and 38 of the Draft Order, and that he had received the following letter from the Clerk to the District Committee, viz.:—

"District Offices,
"Hamilton, 20th February, 1913.

DEAR SIR,

"LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER.

"I duly submitted to the sub-committee of the District Committee charged on their behalf with this matter your letter of 3rd instant, together with the draft minute of meeting of the County Council held on 29th January which accompanied same, and they have fully considered the position of matters and reviewed the whole situation.

"I am to say that—as already indicated—they view with the greatest concern the probable effect of the resolutions come to at the special meeting of the County Council held on 29th January. In their view, the excision of the clauses in question intimately and seriously affects the substance of the whole proposals in connection with the water scheme. These proposals as incorporated in the Draft Order had received the careful consideration and unanimous support of the District Committee so far as their interests were concerned, and if the Order is to proceed, as suggested, exclusive of the particular clauses in question, it will be incumbent upon the District Committee to consider whether it will adequately meet what they conceive to be the requirements of the District. As regards the clauses and provisions directly affecting the interests and jurisdiction of the District Committee, the Committee feel sure that if they could have had an opportunity, they could have satisfied any reasonable objections which might have been urged against same.

"Further, while it may not be pertinent to the subject-matter of this communication—and if I may be permitted to refer to it—you will recollect that I mentioned to the Convener and yourself at our recent meetings that it had been stated—on some hands at all events—that the issue which was voted on at the meeting held on 29th January had been misunderstood.

"In respect, therefore, of these and other considerations, the Committee have thought it well that the position of matters, including their views, should be directly represented to the Convener and yourself to whom they would suggest that in the exceptional circumstances the whole position should be brought under review by the County Council, and it will be a favour if you can let me hear that this can be arranged for.

"I am,
"Yours faithfully,
(Signed) "W. E. WHYTE.

"THOMAS MUNRO ESQ.,
"County Clerk,
"Hamilton.

"P.S.—I have not written to the Convener, and I presume that it will not be necessary for me to do so.

(Init.) "W. E. W."

The Clerk stated that he had communicated this letter to the Convener, who was of opinion that the letter should in the first instance be submitted to the Parliamentary Bills Committee for their consideration, and the letter was laid before the Committee for this purpose.

Motion by Mr. Marshall.

After some discussion, in the course of which, Mr. Fraser having vacated the Chair and left the meeting, the Convener was appointed Chairman of the meeting, Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Anderson, moved that the Committee having carefully considered the letter by the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee, cannot suggest any procedure whereby the decision of the County Council can be brought under review, and recommend that the District Committee should re-consider the whole matter with the view of deciding whether, having regard to the altered circumstances, they desire that the Order should be further proceeded with.

Mr. Love, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, moved as an amendment that the Committee inform the Convener that they do not see their way to make any observations on the letter from the Middle Ward District Committee. *Amendment by Mr. Love.*

On a vote, Mr. Love's amendment was negatived by seven votes to five votes. *Mr Love's amendment negatived.*

Thereupon, Mr. Lambie, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moved the following amendment:—That the letter from the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee having been brought before this Committee, the Committee recommend that the whole position be brought under review by the County Council, and suggest to the Convener that he call a special meeting of the County Council for that purpose. *Further amendment by Mr. Lambie.*

On a vote being taken for and against Mr. Lambie's amendment, six voted for the amendment, and six against it, whereupon the Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment. *Amendment negatived.*

There being no further amendment, Mr. Marshall's motion was thereafter put to the meeting and declared carried. *Mr. Marshall's motion carried.*

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 12th March 1913, being a meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 12th March, 1913.

Present—

John Adam.	*Robert Lambie.
James Anderson.	*William Love.
Colonel Buchanan.	*William Neilson.
*George Fraser.	Colonel King Stewart.
James H. Fenton.	William Sym.
*Alexander Hamilton.	William Templeton.

James Tonner.

And

The following additional members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order:—

James Cameron. David Thomson.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee.

Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 26th February, 1913, which had been printed, and a copy sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted and approved, were signed by the chairman. *Minutes of last meeting.*

* These members are also members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.

Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.—Report by chairman as to interview in London with Agents and Counsel.

The chairman reported that, in view of the situation which had been created by the resolution of the County Council to proceed no further with Clauses 34, 35, and 38 of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, the Convener had consulted him as to whether some understanding could not be arrived at between all parties as to the future procedure which should be adopted in connection with the Order. The Vice-Convener and the Chairman of Middle Ward District Water Committee had also been consulted in the matter, and, as a result of these conferences, it had been arranged that the Convener, Vice-Convener, Mr. Lambie, Mr. Fraser, the County Clerk, and Mr. Whyte, should proceed to London and take the opinion of Parliamentary Counsel and Agents on the position, and as to what course should now be adopted. The chairman reported that, with the other gentlemen named, he had gone to London, and had a meeting with Agents and Counsel on Tuesday, 11th March. He reported generally the opinions expressed by Parliamentary Agents and Counsel.

Motion by Mr. Tonner.

After discussion, Mr. Tonner, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, moved that further consideration of the procedure to be followed with regard to the Order be adjourned for one week.

Amendment by Mr. Fraser.

Mr. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Anderson, moved, as an amendment, that consideration of the procedure to be followed in regard to the Order be adjourned till next Wednesday, and that the Clerk be instructed to prepare a statement of facts to enable the Committee to consider whether any modification could be made on Clause 38 of the Order which would enable it to be restored in the Order in a form that might be generally acceptable.

Vote taken.

It having been agreed that the vote should be taken by calling the roll, there voted for Mr. Tonner's motion. Messrs. Hamilton, Love, Sym, and Tonner, being four in all; and for Mr. Fraser's amendment, Messrs. Anderson, Buchanan, Fenton, Fraser, Lambie, Neilson, Stewart, and Thomson, being eight in all. Mr. Templeton declined to vote.

Mr. Fraser's amendment carried.

Mr. Fraser's amendment was then declared carried.

Locale of Inquiry.

The Clerk submitted a letter from Messrs. Grahames, Currey, and Spens, dated 4th current, stating that the Scottish Office desired to know whether the promoters had any views as to the place where the Inquiry regarding the Water Order should be held. The Committee were of opinion that the most suitable locale for the Inquiry would be Edinburgh, and instructed the Clerk to represent accordingly.

Date of Inquiry

The Clerk also submitted a letter from Messrs. Grahames, Currey, & Spens, dated 7th current, intimating that the Water Order had been formed into a group with the Caledonian Railway Order and the Airdrie Corporation Gas Order, and that the Inquiry regarding these Orders would be opened on 29th April next.

Letter from Clerk to Middle Ward District Committee.

The Clerk read the following letter from Mr. W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee, viz. :—

"District Offices,
"Hamilton, 1st March, 1913.

"DEAR SIR,

"LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER.

"I duly received your letter of 27th ultimo., and submitted same yesterday to the Sub-Committee of the District Committee appointed in connection with this matter. Having carefully considered the whole situation, they unanimously agreed to recommend the District Committee to adopt the resolutions set out in the annexed Note. The Sub-Committee's recommendation was reported to the District Committee at their meeting held later in the day, when they approved of same, and I was accordingly instructed to communicate the resolutions to you with a view to their being submitted to the County Council.

"Yours faithfully,

(Signed) "W. E. WHYTE.

"THOMAS MUNRO, Esq.,
"County Clerk, Hamilton."

Resolutions referred to.

"That the District Committee express their regret that the proposals sent forward by the Middle Ward District Committee should not have received the approval of the County Council, having regard to the facts (1) that these proposals represented the carefully considered opinion and unanimously expressed wishes of the District Committee, and (2) that the whole responsibility of the scheme (financial and otherwise) rests with the Middle Ward Water District of the County; that the District Committee adhere to their former decision approving of the Draft Order as drawn and as deposited, but in respect of the opposition expressed by members of the Lower Ward District to the provisions of clauses 34, 35, and 38 of the Order, the District Committee would offer no objection (if it can be arranged) to the proposal to add certain areas in the Lower Ward District to the Middle Ward Water District being departed from; And that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the County Council."

To this letter, the Clerk had sent the following reply:—

"County Offices,
"Hamilton, 5th March, 1913.

"DEAR SIR,

LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER.

"I have received your letter of the 1st, transmitting a copy of resolutions by your District Committee in connection with the above Order, which, as requested, I shall submit to the County Council.

"As, however, there will, in the ordinary course, be no meeting of the Council until May, by which time the Order will, no doubt, have reached the stage of Inquiry by the Commissioners, I propose bringing your letter before the next meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee.

"Yours faithfully,

(Signed) "THOS. MUNRO,
"*County Clerk.*

W. E. WHYTE, Esq.
"District Clerk.
"Hamilton."

Consideration of letter delayed.

In view of the decision already come to by the meeting to adjourn consideration of the procedure with regard to the Water Order, consideration of the letter of the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee was continued.

Letter from Town-Clerk, Motherwell.

There was read a letter from the Town-Clerk of Motherwell, dated 6th March, 1913, enquiring if the Committee had yet come to a decision on the points put before them by representatives of Motherwell Town Council on 16th January last. Consideration of this letter was also deferred.

Letter from Agents for Trustees of late Duke of Hamilton.

The Clerk submitted a letter from Messrs. Tods, Murray & Jamieson, Agents for the Trustees of the late Duke of Hamilton, enquiring if the promoters had any proposals to submit with the view of meeting their clients' objections to the Water Order as stated in their petition.

The Clerk reported that the objections of the Duke of Hamilton's Trustees had reference to the rating clauses and to the adjustments which would fall to be made consequent on the abandonment of the Glengavel Reservoir. He had informed Messrs. Tods, Murray & Jamieson that he was not yet in a position to make any definite pronouncement on the rating clauses, and in regard to the other matters dealt with in the petition he had communicated with the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee in order that he might discuss the various points with Messrs. Tods, Murray & Jamieson. The meeting approved.

Observations by Scottish Office on Draft Order and Report by Local Government Board.

There was laid before the meeting a print of the Draft Order, having written thereon observations by the Scottish Office, and also a Report by the Local Government Board on the provisions of the Draft Order. The Clerk stated that he would report on the terms of these observations and on the contents of the Report of the Local Government Board at a future meeting.

Cambuslang Telephone Charges.—Letter from Post Office.

The Clerk intimated that he had written to the Secretary of the General Post Office on the subject of Telephone Charges in Cambuslang in the terms approved by the committee at last meeting, and submitted a letter, from the Secretary of the General Post Office, dated 6th current, stating that the Postmaster-General had to express regret that he was not at present in a position to add anything to his previous letter on the above subject. The Clerk stated that he would report further in the matter.

Caledonian Railway Order and Airdrie Corporation Gas Order.—Approval to County Council's opposition.

There was read to the meeting the following letter from the Scottish Office, viz:—

"Scottish Office, Whitehall, S.W.,
"3rd March, 1913.

"SIR,

"20580/21.

"With reference to your letter of 26th ultimo, I am directed by the Secretary for Scotland to intimate his approval of the resolution of the County Council of Lanarkshire to oppose the following Provisional Orders or Private Bills, viz:—

"(1) Caledonian Railway, and
"(2) Airdrie Corporation Gas.

"I am, SIR,
"Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) "JAMES M. DODDS.

"The County Clerk of Lanarkshire,
"County Offices,
"Hamilton."

19th March, 1913.

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 19th March, 1913, being a meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

JOHN ADAM.	*WILLIAM LOVE.
JAMES ANDERSON.	*WILLIAM NEILSON.
Colonel BUCHANAN.	GAVIN A. SHANKS.
*GEORGE FRASER.	WILLIAM SYM.
*ALEXANDER HAMILTON.	WILLIAM TEMPLETON.
JAMES HAMILTON HOULDSWORTH.	JAMES TONNER.
*ROBERT LAMBIE.	Colonel KING STEWART.

And

The following additional members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order:—

JAMES CAMERON. | JAMES STEELE, Senior.
DAVID THOMSON.

Attending—

W. E. WHYTE, Clerk to Middle Ward District Committee.

Chairman.

Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding.

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*These members are also members of the special committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.

An apology for absence was intimated from Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart. *Apology for absence.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 12th March, 1913, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted and approved, were signed by the chairman. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk reported that, in consequence of the time required to collect the information from various sources, he had not been able to issue to the members prior to this meeting the statement which at the last meeting of the committee he had been instructed to prepare. He now, however, submitted to the meeting the statement (Appendix I.), copies of which were handed to each member. He explained the principle upon which the statement was made up, and drew attention to the various points in it which were of special interest to the committee. *Comparative statement of subjects assessed under Private Acts and under Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, as lodged.*

After the committee had considered and discussed the statement, Mr. Fraser moved that before further considering whether any modification could be made on Clause 38 of the Order, which would enable it to be restored in the Order in a form that might be generally acceptable, a sub-committee be appointed to meet with certain of the opponents of the Order who had petitioned against the rating clauses, with a view to ascertaining how far, if at all, these opponents were prepared to modify their opposition, and that the sub-committee consist of the following members:—The Convener, Vice-Convener, Messrs. Fraser, Hamilton, Lambie, Love, Shanks, Tonner, and Templeton—Mr. Fraser to be chairman. *Motion by Mr. Fraser*

Mr. Tonner, seconded by Mr. Sym, moved, as an amendment, that the committee do not appoint a sub-committee to meet with the opponents. *Amendment by Mr. Tonner.*

On a vote being taken for and against Mr. Tonner's amendment, the amendment was negatived by 13 votes to 3. *Vote taken.*

The motion was then put to the meeting and unanimously agreed to. *Motion agreed to.*

The Clerk submitted the following letter from the Scottish Office, viz.:— *Approval to promotion of Order.*

"Scottish Office,
"Whitehall, S.W., 18th March, 1913.

"SIR,

19506/7.

"With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I am directed by the Secretary for Scotland to intimate his approval of the resolution of the County Council of Lanarkshire to promote the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Provisional Order.

"I am, SIR,

"Your obedient Servant,

"(Signed) JAMES M. DODDS.

"THE COUNTY CLERK OF LANARKSHIRE,
"COUNTY OFFICES, HAMILTON."

APPENDIX I.

March, 1913.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

MIDDLE WARD WATER ORDER, 1913.

ANALYSIS OF THE SUBJECTS ASSESSED TO THE DOMESTIC RATE UNDER THE UNDERNOTED PRIVATE ACTS, AND COMPARISON WITH DRAFT MIDDLE WARD WATER ORDER, 1913, AS LODGED.

	Assessable Valuation.	Proportion of Gross Valuation.	Ratio in which Assessment raised.
HOUSE PROPERTY.			
1. East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900, ...	£32,920	Gross	61·80
2. Renfrewshire Upper District (Eastwood and Mearns) Water Act, 1907,	45,184	Gross	68·03
3. Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904,	48,123	Gross	62·03
4. Ayrshire (Loch Braddan) Water Order Confirmation Act, 1911,	25,167	Gross	63·57
5. Draft Middle Ward Water Order, 1913, as lodged,	400,000	Gross	60·60
RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.			
1. East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900, ...	7,522	Stations on gross Lines on one fourth	14·11
2. Renfrewshire Upper District (Eastwood and Mearns) Water Act, 1907,	7,612	Stations and Lines on gross	11·46
3. Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904,	15,016	Stations on gross Lines on one-fourth	19·35
4. Ayrshire (Loch Braddan) Water Order Confirmation Act, 1911,	4,554	Stations on gross Lines on one-fourth	11·50
5. Draft Middle Ward Water Order, 1913, as lodged,	39,437	Stations on gross Lines on one-fourth	5·97
WATER PIPES.			
1. East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900, ...	870	One-fourth	1·63
2. Renfrewshire Upper District (Eastwood and Mearns) Water Act, 1907,	5,391	Gross	8·12
3. Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904 (including Gas Works and Electric Power or Supply Works, and Underground Pipes of these),	2,295	One-fourth	2·96
4. Ayrshire (Loch Braddan) Water Order Confirmation Act, 1911,	1,262	One-fourth	3·19
5. Draft Middle Ward Water Order, 1913, as lodged,	3,295	One-fourth	0·50

	Assessable Valuation.	Proportion of Gross Valuation.	Ratio in which Assessment raised.
MINES, MINERALS, AND QUARRIES.			
1. East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900, ...	£4,709	One-fourth	8·83
2. Renfrewshire Upper District (Eastwood and Mearns) Water Act, 1907,	1,609	Gross	2·42
3. Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904,	11,062	One-fourth	14·26
4. Ayrshire (Loch Braddan) Water Order Confirmation Act, 1911,	6,021	One-fourth	15·21
5. Draft Middle Ward Water Order, 1913, as lodged,	77,766	One-fourth	11·78
PUBLIC WORKS.			
1. East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900, ...	2,896	Gross	5·43
2. Renfrewshire Upper District (Eastwood and Mearns) Water Act, 1907,	908	Gross	1·37
3. Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904,	76	Gross	0·10
4. Ayrshire (Loch Braddan) Water Order Confirmation Act, 1911,	801	One-fourth	2·02
5. Draft Middle Ward Water Order, 1913, as lodged,	93,047	Gross	14·09
OTHER SUBJECTS.			
1. East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900, ...	4,374	Gross	8·20
2. Renfrewshire Upper District (Eastwood and Mearns) Water Act, 1907,	5,716	Gross	8·60
3. Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904,	1,006	Gross	1·30
4. Ayrshire (Loch Braddan) Water Order Confirmation Act, 1911,	1,785	Gross	4·51
5. Draft Middle Ward Water Order, 1913, as lodged,	46,587	Gross	7·06
TOTALS.			
1 East Stirlingshire Water Act, 1900, ...	53,291	—	—
2. Renfrewshire Upper District (Eastwood and Mearns) Water Act, 1907,	66,420	—	—
3. Dunfermline District Water Order Confirmation Act, 1904,	77,578	—	—
4. Ayrshire (Loch Braddan) Water Order Confirmation Act, 1911,	39,590	—	—
5. Draft Middle Ward Water Order, 1913, as lodged,	660,132	—	—

PARLIAMENTARY BILLS COMMITTEE.

4th April 1913. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Friday, 4th April, 1913, being a meeting of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

James Anderson.	*William Neilson.
*George Fraser.	Gavin A. Shanks.
*Alexander Hamilton.	Col. King Stewart.
*Robert Lambie.	William Sym.
*William Love.	William Templeton.

James Tonner.

And

The following additional members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order :—

James Cameron.	David Thomson.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to Middle Ward District Committee.

Chairman. Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of last meeting of the committee, of date 19th March, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Minutes of Sub-Committee on Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order. The minutes of meetings of the sub-committee appointed to meet with the opponents objecting to the Rating Clauses of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, 1913, of dates 19th and 27th March, which had also been printed, and are contained in the appendix hereto, having been submitted and read, were approved of.

Sub-committee's recommendation adopted. The chairman reported the proceedings at the meeting of the sub-committee held earlier in the day, the minutes of which are also appended hereto, and moved the approval of the sub-committee's recommendation. The Clerk having supplemented the chairman's statement and expressed the opinion that a settlement on the lines proposed would be satisfactory, in which opinion Mr. Whyte also concurred, the committee unanimously approved of and adopted the recommendation of the sub-committee.

The committee remitted to the Clerk and Mr. Whyte to meet with the other Objectors to the Order and endeavour to adjust terms with them, with instructions to consult the sub-committee if this were found necessary.

Mr. Talbot, K.C., to be retained. It was agreed, on the suggestion of the Clerk, that Mr. Talbot, K.C., should be retained to appear for the County Council at the Inquiry which had now been fixed to take place either at Edinburgh or Glasgow, on 29th current.

Special meeting of County Council to be called. It was decided that the Convener should call a special meeting of the County Council at which the proceedings of the Parliamentary Bills Committee to date might be reported and such further action taken by the County Council as might be considered necessary. In the meantime the Clerk was instructed to prepare a report of the proceedings of the committee from the date of last meeting of the County Council for submission to the County Council at the special meeting.

Case for County Council. It was remitted to the Clerk and Mr. Whyte to prepare the County Council's case for the Inquiry, with powers to employ such skilled witnesses as might be required and to take all other necessary steps.

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* These members are also members of the Special Committee of the Middle Ward District Committee appointed in connection with the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order.

APPENDIX.

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OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE *re* LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER, 1913.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 19th March, 1913, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark, appointed to meet with the Petitioners objecting to the Rating Clauses of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, 1913. 19th March, 1913.

Present—

George Fraser.	William Neilson.
Alexander Hamilton.	Colonel King Stewart.
Robert Lambie.	Gavin A. Shanks.
William Love.	William Templeton.
James Tonner.	

Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the sub-committee presiding. *Chairman.*

The Clerk read the remit to the sub-committee which was in the following terms:— *Remit.*

"The Clerk reported that in consequence of the time required to collect the information from various sources, he had not been able to issue to the members prior to this meeting the Statement which at the last meeting of the committee he had been instructed to prepare. He now, however, submitted to the meeting the Statement (Appendix I) copies of which were handed to each member. He explained the principle upon which the Statement was made up and drew attention to the various points in it which were of special interest to the committee.

"After the committee had considered and discussed the Statement, Mr. Fraser moved, that before further considering whether any modification could be made on clause 38 of the Order which would enable it to be restored in the Order in a form that might be generally acceptable, a sub-committee be appointed to meet with certain of the opponents of the Order who had petitioned against the Rating Clauses, with a view to ascertaining how far, if at all, these opponents were prepared to modify their opposition, and that the sub-committee consist of the following members:—the Convener, Vice-Convener, Messrs. Fraser, Hamilton, Lambie, Love, Shanks, Tonner, and Templeton—Mr. Fraser to be chairman.

"Mr. Tonner, seconded by Mr. Sym, moved, as an amendment, that the committee do not appoint a sub-committee to meet with the opponents.

"On a vote being taken for and against Mr. Tonner's amendment, the amendment was negatived by 13 votes to 3.

"The motion was then put to the meeting and unanimously agreed to."

Having taken the remit into consideration, the sub-committee instructed the Clerk to communicate with the agents for the colliery and public work owners and invite them to attend a conference with the sub-committee on the afternoon of Thursday next, if that day were suitable for their constituents. *Conference to be arranged with opponents.*

27th March, 1913. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Thursday, 27th March, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark appointed to meet with the Petitioners objecting to the Rating Clauses of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, 1913.

Present—

George Fraser. | William Neilson.
Alexander Hamilton. | Gavin A. Shanks.
Robert Lambie. | Colonel King Stewart.
William Love. | William Templeton.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee.

Chairman. Mr. George Fraser, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of last meeting of the committee, of date 19th March, 1913, which had not yet been printed, were submitted in draft, and approved.

Conference with Objectors to Rating Clauses. The Clerk reported that the meeting had been called to confer with the Petitioners against the Draft Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order who objected to the rating clauses. He had invited to this meeting representatives of the colliery and public work owners, and of the Coltness Iron Company, Limited. These objectors had more or less a common case, and he had not thought it necessary at this stage to invite to the Conference opponents of the Order who had special individual cases, but he would duly communicate to such opponents any decision which might be come to by the County Council as the result of the conference with the objectors. The conference was, of course, without prejudice and was not to be founded on. There were in attendance representatives of the Coalowners, with their Agent (Mr. Bishop), and of the Public Work Owners, with their Agent (Mr. Whitson); and Mr. Russell, of the Coltness Iron Company, Limited, with his Agent (Mr. France). These gentlemen were then invited to enter the meeting.

Case for opponents submitted by Mr. Mitchell. The chairman having referred to the circumstances leading up to the conference, Mr. Mitchell (of Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyd, Limited) submitted the case for the various interests represented, and a general discussion took place, in the course of which Mr. Mitchell indicated that the opponents of the Order represented at the conference might be willing to modify their opposition to the rating clauses with the view of arriving at a compromise with the County Council, but that before they could make any proposal they would require detailed information as to the annual charge which the proposed new water scheme would involve on the ratepayers, the valuations of the different classes of subjects, and the rates which would be levied upon them under the present system of rating and under the system proposed in the Order, with such other information as would enable the objectors to understand the financial position. If this information were afforded them, the objectors would carefully reconsider their position, and within the next day or so intimate whether they were prepared to make any proposal for a compromise which would enable them to withdraw their opposition to the Order.

Statement to be prepared for information of objectors. The sub-committee were of opinion that the request of the objectors should be granted, and intimated that the Clerk would, at the close of the meeting, have a statement prepared showing as fully as possible the information required by the objectors, and would furnish copies to their Agents.

Meeting with objectors to consider statement. It was then agreed that the County Clerk and District Clerk should meet with representatives of the objectors in Mr. France's office in Glasgow, to-morrow, at 10.45 a.m., to go over the statement with them, and furnish any explanations that might be required.

The deputation having been thanked for their attendance, and having thanked the sub-committee for their reception, then withdrew.

Meeting of sub-committee to consider proposals by objectors. It was decided to have a meeting of the sub-committee on Friday, 4th proximo, to consider any proposals for a compromise which might be received from the objectors.

SUB-COMMITTEE *RE* LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER. 1913.

4th April, 1913.

AT GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Friday, 4th April, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark, appointed to meet with the Petitioners objecting to the Rating Clauses of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, 1913.

Present—

George Fraser.	William Neilson.
Alexander Hamilton.	Colonel King Stewart.
Robert Lambie.	William Templeton.
William Love.	James Tonner.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to Middle Ward District Committee.

Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of meetings of the sub-committee, of dates 19th and 27th March, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the sub-committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed by the chairman. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk reported that subsequent to the last meeting of the Sub-Committee he had prepared a statement (Appendix) of the nature desired by the Opponents represented at that meeting. He had along with the Chairman and Mr. Whyte, the District Clerk, also had an interview with these Opponents and their Agents in Mr. France's office in Glasgow, when the Statement had been submitted to the meeting and full information had been furnished to enable the Opponents to consider proposals for a compromise. He expected that the objectors would to-day make some proposal. *Report by Clerk of interview with objectors.*

The representatives of the Opponents who were in attendance then entered the meeting. Mr. Mitchell (of Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyds, Limited). again spoke on their behalf. Mr. Mitchell stated that since last meeting the Opponents represented to-day had had several meetings amongst themselves and had, not without some difficulty, agreed to put forward as a basis for a compromise, the following proposal, viz.: that for the purpose of the domestic rate under section 38 of the Order, the valuation of mines, minerals, and public works should be held to be one-eighth of their annual valuation as entered in the Valuation Roll. It was also to be understood that clause 34 of the Order would be deleted, and that clause 38 (6) would be so modified as to make it clear that as regards public works each subject entered in the Valuation Roll would, for the purpose of assessment be treated as one, and that (*e.g.*) there should be no allocation as between, say, engine-houses and other parts of the work. Mr. Mitchell further stated that some of the Opponents would have preferred that any contribution to be made by them should be in the shape of an increase on the public water rate, imposed on a sliding scale, rising with any increase in the domestic water rate. *Proposals now submitted by opponents.*

The sub-committee having expressed the opinion that the proposals put forward by Mr. Mitchell did not offer a basis for a compromise, and a general discussion having ensued, in which the views of the sub-committee as to the basis of a compromise that might meet with acceptance having been indicated, Mr. Mitchell stated that the Opponents desired an opportunity of considering whether any further proposals could be made which would lead to a settlement, and the members of the sub-committee then left the room that the Opponents might have the opportunity of conferring together in private.

Amended proposals submitted.

On the members of the sub-committee returning to the room, Mr. Mitchell reported that, having further considered the matter, the opponents now put forward the following amended proposals, viz. :—that mines and minerals should be rated for the domestic rate on a deduction of 82½ per cent. of their annual value; that public works should be rated on a deduction of 75 per cent. of their annual value; and that a clause should be inserted for the protection of the Coltness Iron Company, Ltd., to the effect that so long as the Coltness Iron Company, Ltd., maintained their existing private source of supply and agreed to make no call for a supply on the Middle Ward Water Undertaking, their works should be placed on the same footing as mines and minerals as regards the domestic rate.

The representatives of the Petitioners present were, Mr. Mitchell stated, unable to bind their constituents definitely, but they undertook to recommend their constituents to agree to a settlement on the terms stated by him.

The Opponents having again expressed their indebtedness to the sub-committee for allowing them this further opportunity of conferring with them withdrew.

Proposals considered satisfactory.

The sub-committee thereafter took into consideration the proposals put forward by Mr. Mitchell, and having ascertained their financial effect, and carefully compared them with the suggestions that the sub-committee had themselves tentatively agreed upon, unanimously agreed to recommend the Parliamentary Bills Committee to accept these as a basis for a settlement.

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COUNTY OF LANARK.

MIDDLE WARD WATER ORDER, 1913.

Total Maintenance Expenditure on existing Undertaking for 1912-13, raised as follows:—				£45,112 0 0
Public Rate at 3d. per £ on Valuation, ...	Owners, £1,167,000			
	Occupiers, 1,064,900		£14,350 0 0	
Domestic Rate at 1/1 per £ on Valuation, ...	Owners, 418,800			
	Occupiers, 371,400		21,412 0 0	
			£35,762 0 0	
Special Water Charges, &c., ...			10,000 0 0	
				£45,762 0 0
Estimated Maintenance Expenditure under Draft Order:—				
Cost of new works, £400,000 at 4¼ per cent. for Sinking Fund and Interest, ...				£17,000 0 0
Maintenance, ...				3,000 0 0
				£20,000 0 0
Add amount raised at present from Domestic Rate, as above, ...				21,412 0 0
Total amount now to be raised from Domestic Rate, ...				£41,412 0 0

Note.—No allowance has been made for the sale of surplus water, which is entirely problematical.

Domestic Rate required to meet above expenditure on basis of 1892 rating, ... 2s. 1d. per £.

If rating clauses in present Order are passed, the valuations assessable to the Domestic Rate will be increased by the following:—

		Gross Valuation.	Assessable Valuation.
Assessable valuation on one-fourth of gross valuation.	Railways and Tram Lines, ...	£74,106 0 0	£18,526 0 0
	Water Pipes, ...	13,181 0 0	3,295 0 0
	Mines, Minerals, and Quarries, ...	311 064 0 0	77,766 0 0
Assessable valuation is gross valuation, ...	Public Works, ...	93,047 0 0	93.047 0 0
	Railway Stations and Railway and Tramway Depots and Buildings, ...	20,911 0 0	20,911 0 0
	Other subjects (excluding Agricultural subjects),	46,587 0 0	46,587 0 0
		£558,896 0 0	£260,132 0 0

Increased assessable valuation, say, ...	£260,000	0 0
Present assessable valuation, ...	400,000	0 0
Total assessable valuation under Draft Order, ...	£660,000	0 0
The Expenditure would be as before, ...	£41,412	0 0
Plus loss of Special Water Charges consequent upon Domestic Assessment in lieu thereof being taken under Draft Order from following subjects :—		
Mines, Minerals, and Quarries, ... £502 0 0		
Public Works, ... 1,429 0 0		
Other subjects, ... 1,529 0 0		
	3,460	0 0
	£44,872	0 0

Equal to a Domestic Rate on an assessable valuation of £660,000 of 1s. 4d. per £.

The amounts raised from each class of subjects at the above rate per £ would be as follows :—

	Gross Valuation.	Assessable Valuation.	Assessment at 1s. 4d. per £.	Equal to rate per £ on gross valuation.
House Property, &c., as at present, say, ...	£400,000	£400,000	£26,666	1/4·00d.
Railways and Tramways, ... {Lines, / Stations,	74,106 / 20,911	39,437	2,629	6·64d.
Water Pipes, ...	13,181	3,295	220	4·00d.
Mines, Minerals, and Quarries, ...	311,064	77,766	5,184	4·00d.
Public Works, ...	93,047	93,047	6,203	1/4·00d.
Other Subjects (excluding Agricultural Subjects),	46,587	46,587	3,106	1/4·00d.
	£958,896	£660,132	£44,008	

If an addition of 3d. per £ were made to the existing Public Rate, the additional sum raised from each Class of subjects would be as follows :—

	Valuation.	Amount of Additional Assessment.
House Property, &c., ...	£400,000	£5,000
Railways and Tramways {Lines, £74,106 / Stations, £20,911}	95,017	1,188
Water Pipes, ...	13,181	165
Mines, Minerals, and Quarries, ...	311,064	3,888
Public Works, ...	93,047	1,163
Agricultural Lands, ...	137,000	1,200
Other Subjects, ...	46,587	582
		£13,186

Effect on Domestic Rate of addition of 3d. per £ on Public Rate :—

Total amount required to be raised by Assessment, ...	£41,412	0 0
Deduct additional Public Rate as above, ...	13,186	0 0
Leaving to be raised by Domestic Rate, ...	£28,226	0 0

Equivalent to a Domestic Rate on present valuation of £400,000 of 1/5d. per £.

Note—The Domestic Consumers would thus pay 1/11d. per £ (Public Rate, 6d., and Domestic Rate, 1/5d.), and the non-Domestic Consumer, 6d. per £.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS CONSEQUENT UPON GLASGOW BOUNDARIES ACT, 1912, &c.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 4th December, 1912, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed at the joint meeting of the Finance and Parliamentary Bills Committees of the County Council of Lanark, on 13th November, 1912, in regard to the arrangements requiring to be made consequent upon the recent extension of the City of Glasgow. 4th December, 1912.

Present—

GEORGE FRASER. | WILLIAM SPEIRS.
WILLIAM NEILSON. | Colonel KING STEWART.
JAMES C. HOPE VERE.

Colonel King Stewart, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the remit to the sub-committee as contained in the minutes of the Joint-Meeting of the Finance and Parliamentary Bills Committees, held on 13th November, 1912. *Remit to sub-committee.*

The Clerk reported that, with regard to the estimates for the current financial year, these had been adjusted by the Finance Committee, regard being had to the situation created by the extension of the City of Glasgow. *Estimates.—Statement by Clerk.*

The position of some officials, which had to some extent been prejudiced by the City of Glasgow Extension Act, was considered, and the Clerk was instructed to see what could be done in their interests. *Position of certain officials.*

With reference to the question of the readjustment of the Electoral Divisions of the Lower Ward, the Clerk reminded the meeting of the provisions of the Lanarkshire County Council Order, the chief object of which was to enable the County Council to increase the representation on the County Council of Shettleston and Tollcross. The meeting, after consideration, remitted to the Clerk to consider whether this Order need now be proceeded with, and to report. *Readjustment of Electoral Divisions in Lower Ward.*

The meeting continued for further consideration the question of the readjustment of the Electoral Divisions of the Lower Ward, and instructed the Clerk to submit to next meeting any information which he considered might assist the committee in dealing with the matter.

The Clerk submitted the letter from the Clerk to the Parish Council of Dalserf, of date 30th August, 1912, representing, on behalf of the Parish Council of Dalserf, the necessity for providing for increased representation of that Parish on the County Council. The meeting continued the matter for further consideration. *Parish of Dalserf.*

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS CONSEQUENT UPON GLASGOW BOUNDARIES ACT, 1912, &c.

16th January, 1913. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Thursday, 16th January, 1913, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed at the joint meeting of the Finance and Parliamentary Bills Committees of the County Council of Lanark on 13th November, 1912, in regard to the arrangements requiring to be made consequent upon the recent extension of the City of Glasgow.

Present—

GEORGE FRASER. | WILLIAM SPEIRS.

Chairman. Mr. Speirs presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The Clerk submitted and read the minutes of the last meeting of the Sub-Committee, of date 4th December, 1912, and the same were approved.

Report by Clerk as to position of certain officials. The Clerk reported that with regard to certain officials whose positions were affected by the Glasgow Boundaries Act, 1912, mutually satisfactory arrangements had been arrived at as regards nearly all of the officials concerned, and that he was dealing with the cases that were still unadjusted and would report further in regard to them.

Lanarkshire County Council Order.—Statement by Clerk. With regard to the Lanarkshire County Council Provisional Order, the Clerk reminded the meeting of the circumstances which had rendered the promotion of such an Order necessary, and which are explained in the Preamble of the Order, a copy of which forms Appendix I. to this minute.

Recommendation that Order should be allowed to drop. The meeting, having considered the matter, expressed the view that increased representation of the Landward portion of the Parish of Glasgow on the County Council having been rendered unnecessary by the passing of the Glasgow Boundaries Act, 1912, the Order might now be allowed to drop.

Report by Clerk of meeting with Clerks to other Authorities concerned. The Clerk, however, stated that as difficulty still existed in framing a satisfactory scheme for the re-division of the Landward portion of the Parish of Glasgow into County Council Electoral Divisions and Parish Wards, he had had a meeting with Mr. Motion, Clerk to the Glasgow Parish Council, and Mr. Lennox M. Sellar, Depute Town-Clerk, on the subject, with the result that certain suggestions had been made with a view to overcoming the difficulty, but that as these suggestions were only of a tentative character, they would require further consideration.

The meeting accordingly remitted to the Clerk to further consider the matter, along with the Clerks to the other authorities concerned, and to report to a future meeting.

Readjustment of Electoral Divisions in Lower Ward. The meeting having proceeded to consider the general question of the Electoral Divisions of the Lower Ward, the Clerk submitted a statement (Appendix II.) showing the number of electors in the several Electoral Divisions of the County.

The meeting, having regard to the serious effect which the Glasgow Boundaries Act, 1912, had had upon the membership of the District Committee of the Lower Ward, and of the desirability of securing a sufficient number of members as would enable that committee to discharge its duties efficiently, agreed that the present number of County Councillors for the district should at least be maintained, and remitted to the Clerk to consider and formulate a scheme for the readjustment of the Electoral Divisions in the Lower Ward District, keeping in view this consideration.

Parish of Dalserf. — Map showing proposed division into three divisions. Under reference to the minutes of last meeting, the Clerk submitted a further communication which he had received from the Parish Clerk of Dalserf, transmitting a map showing the suggested division of the Parish into three Electoral Divisions.

The Clerk stated that since the date of last meeting he had also received representations in favor of increased representation on the County Council of the Parishes of Cambuslang and Blantyre. The meeting, after discussion, agreed to continue these representations for further consideration.

Parishes of Cambuslang and Blantyre.

The Clerk having reminded the meeting of the remit to the sub-committee with regard to the revision of the committees of the council consequent upon the change in their membership, which had resulted from the annexation to the city of the burghs of Govan and Partick, it was agreed to recommend that, as the necessity for a general revision of the committees was not an urgent one, the matter be delayed until after the election of the County Council, which falls to take place in December next.

Proposed revision of Committees.—Recommendation to delay.

APPENDIX I.

(DRAFT) PROVISIONAL ORDER.

TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASED REPRESENTATION OF THE SHETTLESTON AND TOLLCROSS DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTY OF LANARK ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THAT COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Whereas in view of the increase of population of the Districts of Shettleston and Tollcross in the Lower Ward of the County of Lanark it is expedient that the representation of the said Districts on the County Council of that County should be increased:

And whereas the Districts referred to form part of the landward portion of the Parish of Glasgow and are comprised within the North and South Shettleston electoral divisions of the said County:

And whereas the landward portion of the said Parish is for County Council purposes divided into four electoral divisions:

And whereas each of these electoral divisions is in terms of section 13 (3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1894 a parish ward of the said Parish:

And whereas the Parish Council of the said Parish consists of the maximum number of councillors allowed under section 9 (3) of the last-mentioned Act:

And whereas the landward portion of the said Parish is adequately represented on the Parish Council thereof and any increase in such representation would be inexpedient but the part of the said Parish which forms the North and South Shettleston electoral divisions of the said County of Lanark is insufficiently represented on the County Council of that County:

And whereas the County Council of the said County made a representation in the year 1907 to the Secretary for Scotland in terms of section 51 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1889 for an alteration of the number of councillors and of the number contents and boundaries of electoral divisions to enable increased representation to be given to the Shettleston and Tollcross Districts:

And whereas effect could not be given to such representation for the reason that any increase of the number of electoral divisions into which the landward portion of the said Parish of Glasgow is divided would by the operation of Section 13 (3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1894 hereinbefore referred to involve a corresponding increase of the number of parish wards and that an increase in the number of parish wards would involve an increase in the number of parish councillors which had already been fixed at the maximum allowed by the said Act.

And whereas it is expedient to enable an increase in the number of county electoral divisions for the said Districts of Shettleston and Tollcross to be made without adding to the number of parish wards of the said Parish of Glasgow:

And whereas the purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without an Order of the Secretary for Scotland confirmed by Parliament under the provisions of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1899:

Now therefore in pursuance of the powers contained in the last-mentioned Act the Secretary for Scotland orders as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited for all purposes as the Lanarkshire County Council (Shettleston) Order 1912.

Increase of county electoral divisions not to affect Glasgow Parish Wards.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 13 sub-section (3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1894 an Order of the Secretary for Scotland made in pursuance of section 51 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1889 increasing the number of county electoral divisions for the district included within the existing county electoral divisions of North Shettleston and South Shettleston in the County of Lanark shall not operate to increase the number of parish wards of the Parish of Glasgow nor the number of representatives on the Parish Council of the said Parish from the landward portion thereof.

Costs of Order.

3. The costs charges and expenses of and incident to the preparing obtaining and confirming this Order shall be paid by the County Council of the County of Lanark.

APPENDIX II.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

STATEMENT OF INFORMATION SHEWING NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN THE SEVERAL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF THE COUNTY, &c.

Upper Ward—

NAME OF DIVISIONS (Landward).	No. OF ELECTORS (1910).
Abington,	705
Biggar,	698
Forth,	604
Carnwath,	994
Carluke (East),	985
Carluke (West),	1,227
Lanark,	769
Kirkfieldbank,	635
Lesmahagow,	1,214
Blackwood,	513
Douglas,	513
Number of Electors,	8,857
Average (Landward)—805.	
Electors in Burgh of Biggar,	469
Total (Upper Ward),	9,326
Average (Upper Ward)—777.	

Middle Ward—

Avondale,	1,325
Stonehouse and Glasford,	1,116
East Kilbride,	1,009
Hallside,	1,473
Cambuslang (North),	1,461
Cambuslang (South),	1,773
Stonefield,	1,460
High Blantyre,	1,025
Dalziel,	1,219
Hamilton,	1,294
Holytown,	1,589
Bellshill (East),	1,114
Bellshill (West),	1,535
Bothwell.	1,070
Uddingston,	1,681
Tannochside,	882
Overton,	1,053
Newmains,	1,675
Larkhall,	2,183
Dalserf,	1,026
Dykehead and Cleland,	1,798
Harthill and Shotts Kirk,	1,110
New Monkland (North),	1,193
New Monkland (South),	1,104
Old Monkland.	1,001
North Baillieston,	861
South Baillieston,	1,569
Number of Electors,	35,599
Average (Landward)—1,318.	

Name of Division (Landward).	No. of Electors (1910).
Electors in Burgh of Wishaw—	
Wishaw (East), ...	1,986
Wishaw (West), ...	2,537
Electors in Burgh of Motherwell—	
Motherwell (South), ...	1,578
Motherwell (North), ...	1,130
Motherwell (East), ...	1,887
Motherwell (West), ...	3,968
Total (Middle Ward), ...	47,785
Average (Middle Ward)—1,448.	
Lower Ward—	
Rutherglen, ...	913
Possil, ...	468
Millerston and Springburn, ...	462
North Shettleston, ...	615
South Shettleston, ...	74
Bishopbriggs, ...	1,283
Chryston, ...	1,718
South Govan, ...	6
Total (Lower Ward), ...	5,539
Average (Lower Ward)—692.	

SUMMARY.

Total number of electors in *Landward* Electoral Divisions, ...	49,995
Average—1,087.	
Total number of electors in *Police* Burgh Electoral Divisions, ...	12,655
Average—1,808.	
Total number of County Council electors in *Landward and Police Burgh* Electoral Divisions, ...	62 650
Average—1,182.	

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS CONSEQUENT UPON GLASGOW BOUNDARIES ACT, 1912, &c.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Building, there, upon Wednesday, 22nd January, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed at the joint-meeting of the Finance and Parliamentary Bills Committees of the County Council of Lanark, on 13th November, 1912, in regard to the arrangements requiring to be made consequent upon the recent extension of the City of Glasgow. 22nd January, 1913.

Present—

WILLIAM NEILSON. | WILLIAM SPEIRS.
Colonel KING STEWART.

Colonel King Stewart in the chair. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting the minutes of meetings of the sub-committee, of date 4th December, 1912, and 16th January, 1913, prints of which had been sent to each member of the sub-committee, and the same were approved of. *Minutes of previous meetings submitted and approved.*

The meeting, having further considered the remit made to them in connection with the proposed readjustment of the electoral divisions of the Lower Ward, met and discussed the matter with the following representatives of the Lower Ward District Committee, viz. :— *Readjustment of electoral divisions in Lower Ward.—Meeting with representatives of District Committee.*

John Adam. A. H. Burnett.
James Anderson. Walter C. B. Christie.
J. Raeside Auld. Wm. Davie.
A. H. J. Briggs. D. Kinloch Michie.
Robert Whyte.

After general discussion of the whole matter, and certain suggestions having been made by members of the District Committee, further consideration was adjourned. *Consideration adjourned.*

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS CONSEQUENT UPON GLASGOW BOUNDARIES ACT, 1912, &c.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 2nd April, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed at the joint-meeting of the Finance and Parliamentary Bills Committees of the County Council of Lanark, on 13th November, 1912, in regard to the arrangements requiring to be made consequent upon the recent extension of the City of Glasgow. 2nd April, 1913.

Present—

GEORGE FRASER. WILLIAM SPEIRS.
WILLIAM NEILSON. | Colonel KING STEWART.

Colonel King Stewart in the chair. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling he meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 22nd January, which were submitted in draft, having been read, were approved of. *Minutes of last meeting.*

Readjustment of Parish Wards in Landward Division of Parish of Glasgow.

With reference to the readjustment of the parish wards of the landward portion of the Parish of Glasgow consequent upon the recent extension of the City of Glasgow, the Clerk submitted to the meeting letters from (1) Town-Clerk, Glasgow, of date 21st January, and (2) Clerk to the Glasgow Parish Council, of date 4th February, agreeing to the proposal that the landward portion of that parish should be divided into three parish wards, that is to say, Possil and Millerston as presently existing, and Shettleston, comprising what remains in the County of the Parish Wards of North and South Shettleston.

Recommendation to County Council.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed to recommend the County Council to concur in these proposals as being a satisfactory arrangement in the existing circumstances.

Request by Parish Council of Blantyre for increased representation on County Council.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a communication from the Clerk to the Parish Council of Blantyre, of date 25th March, requesting that the representation of that parish on the County Council be increased by one member, and that accordingly the parish should be divided into three electoral divisions instead of two as at present.

Continued for further consideration.

The meeting continued for further consideration the request of the Parish Council of Blantyre, as well as the proposals relating to the Parishes of Dalserf and Cambuslang.

Readjustment of electoral divisions in Lower Ward District.—Communication from Stepps Ratepayers' Association.

With reference to the question of the readjustment of the electoral divisions of the Lower Ward, the Clerk submitted a letter from the Secretary of the Stepps Ratepayers' Association, of date 10th March, suggesting for the consideration of the County Council that the Stepps portion of the Chryston Electoral Division should be included in the Millerston Division, with the view of making the number of electors in the several divisions as nearly equal as possible.

Matter continued for further consideration.

The meeting having further discussed the question of the readjustment of the electoral divisions in the Lower Ward, continued the matter for further consideration, and meantime instructed the Clerk to prepare a statement giving alternative schemes.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS CONSEQUENT UPON GLASGOW BOUNDARIES ACT, 1912, &c.

9th April, 1913.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 9th April, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed at the joint meeting of the Finance Committee and the Parliamentary Bills Committees of the County Council of Lanark on 13th November, 1912, in regard to the arrangements requiring to be made consequent upon the recent extension of the City of Glasgow, and other matters.

Present—

GEORGE FRASER. | WILLIAM NEILSON.
Colonel KING STEWART.

Chairman.

Colonel King Stewart in the chair.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 2nd instant, which were submitted in draft, having been submitted, were approved of.

Communication from Local Government Board regarding South Govan.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a communication which he had received from the Local Government Board, and which was in the following terms, viz.:—

"Local Government Board,
"Edinburgh, 26th March, 1913.

"SIR,

"PARISH WARDS.

"I am directed to enclose for your information a copy of a letter which the Board have received from the Clerk to Govan Parish Council, suggesting that a small portion of the landward district of Govan Parish, which, in consequence of the extension

of the City of Glasgow has been left in Lanarkshire, should be added to the nearest parish ward instead of being made into a separate ward.

"The Board propose to regard this matter as a reference under Section 15 (7) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894, and to issue an Order determining that the election for this portion of the parish shall be conducted by the Govan Parish Council as if it formed part of the nearest burghal ward.

"I may point out that the Glasgow Corporation (General Powers) Act, 1896, authorises the Parish Councils of the 'Glasgow Parishes' to make a reference to the Board under the aforementioned section.

"Accordingly, I am to enquire whether the County Council have any objections to offer to this proposal.

"The favour of an early reply is requested.

"I am, &c.,

"JOHN T. MAXWELL,
"*Secretary.*"

(*Copy letter referred to.*)

"Govan Combination Parish Council,
"7-8 Carlton Place,
"Glasgow, 17th March, 1913.

"SIR,

"In consequence of the inclusion within the City of Glasgow of the Burghs of Partick and Govan and of part of the landward district of the parish, I beg to state that a small portion to the west of the new boundary of Glasgow, at Elderslie Estate, has been left in the County of Lanark. There are only two or three electors in this area, and it would therefore be inadvisable to have it made into a separate parish ward.

"My Council are therefore of the opinion that this part of the landward district should, for Parish Council purposes, be added to the nearest parish ward.

"I shall be glad to hear from you in the matter at your early convenience.

"I am, &c.,

"JOHN MITCHELL,
"*Inspector of Poor.*'

The Clerk having explained that the proposal if adopted would not affect the right of the Parish of Govan to send a representative to the District Committee so long as any portion of the parish remains part of that district, the meeting agreed to recommend that no objection be taken.

Contemplated change of parish wards.—Circular from Local Government Board.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a further communication received from the Local Government Board, of date 13th April, 1913, transmitting copy of a letter which the Board had addressed to Parish Councils, directing their attention to the necessity of making early intimation to County Councils of any contemplated changes in parish wards, in view of the forthcoming elections in November next.

Blantyre Parish.—Letter from Parish Council.

There was submitted to the meeting a communication from the Blantyre Parish Council, which was in the following terms, viz.:—

"Parish Council Chambers,
"High Blantyre, 8th April, 1913.

"DEAR SIR,

"With regard to the Local Government Board's circular, of date 7th March, 1913, advising that Parish Councils desirous of a change being made in the Parish Council Wards, and for any change in the number of Parish Councillors, should at once lay their views before the County Council.

"The circular was under consideration of my Council at a meeting on Thursday last, 3rd instant, when it was unanimously resolved to make a representation to the County Council that the Parish of Blantyre should be divided into three wards, that the number of Councillors should be increased from thirteen to fifteen, and that five members should be elected from each of the three wards.

"In support of the representation, I am to say the Council are of opinion the increase in the number of Councillors is warranted because of the increase in the population. In 1895, when thirteen was the number of Councillors fixed to be elected, the population was 11,352, as against 16,821 in 1911.

"I am, &c.,

"A. B. MAXWELL,
"*Parish Council Clerk.*"

The meeting agreed to consider the above request for increased representation on the County Council along with the other proposals of a similar nature presently before the committee.

It was also agreed to continue for consideration the proposal for an increase in the number of Parish Councillors.

Lower Ward.—Proposed readjustment of Electoral Divisions.

The meeting having resumed consideration of the question of readjustment of Electoral Divisions of the Lower Ward, and having considered alternative schemes submitted by the Clerk, approved of a scheme which provided for the District Committee of the Lower Ward consisting of not less than 13 members, excluding the representation of South Govan, and resolved to recommend the County Council accordingly.

Parishes of Dalserf, Cambuslang, and Blantyre.

The meeting having also further considered the proposals for increased representation submitted on behalf of the Parish Councils of Dalserf, Cambuslang, and Blantyre, agreed to recommend that with a view to providing additional representation on the Council of Larkhall District the Parish of Dalserf be divided into three Divisions, and that no alteration be made meantime in regard to Cambuslang and Blantyre.

The meeting instructed the Clerk to put the recommendations of the committee in the form of a report to the County Council, and to submit the same in draft to a future meeting of the committee.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ALTERATIONS CONSEQUENT UPON GLASGOW BOUNDARIES ACT, 1912, &c.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 23rd April, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed at the joint-meeting of the Finance Committee and the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark on 13th November, 1912, in regard to the arrangements requiring to be made consequent upon the recent extension of the City of Glasgow, and other matters. 23rd April, 1913.

Present—

GEORGE FRASER. | WILLIAM NEILSON.
WILLIAM SPIERS.

In the absence of Colonel King Stewart, Mr. Neilson was appointed chairman of the meeting. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 9th instant, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the following communications which he had received, viz. :— *Communications.*

(1) Clerk to Parish Council of Cambuslang of date, 19th April, that the number of Parish Councillors for the Parish of Cambuslang should be increased by 1, the additional Member being allocated to the North Parish Ward. *Cambuslang Parish Council.*

(2) Clerk to the Glasford Parish Council, of date, 12th April, representing the desirability of the Parish of Glasford being included in the same Electoral Division as the Parish of Avondale, or being constituted into a separate Electoral Division. *Glasford Parish Council.*

With regard to the latter communication, the Clerk explained that— *Explanation by Clerk on request of Glasford Parish Council.*

(1) The number of electors in the Parish of Glasford is not sufficent to warrant its being constituted into a separate Electoral Division, and

(2) To include Glasford Parish in the Avondale Electoral Division instead of the Stonehouse Electoral Division would be to increase the number of electors in the former division from 1,300 to 1,600 and to reduce the number of electors in the latter division from 1,100 to 800.

The meeting, for the reasons stated by the Clerk, could not see their way to recommend the County Council to accede to the request of the Parish Council of Glasford. *Request of Parish Council of Glasgow not acceded to.*

With regard to the request of the Parish Council of Cambuslang for an increase in the number of Parish Councillors, the meeting agreed to continue this for consideration. *Request by Parish Council of Cambuslang continued.*

Recommendation to enlarge Committee.

The meeting further agreed, in view of contemplated alteration of Parish Wards and of the other arrangements which would fall to be made in connection with the elections of the County Council and Parish Councils in December next, to recommend that the Committee should be enlarged for this purpose by the addition of 7 members with full powers.

Recommendation that Clerk be appointed Returning Officer.

The meeting further agreed to recommend that the Council should, at the meeting in May, appoint the Clerk to be the Returning Officer, and that it be left to the Committee to fix the scale of expenses, subject to the approval of the Secretary for Scotland.

Report of Committee.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting in draft a Report by the Committee to the County Council, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the Committee, and the same, having been adjusted, was approved of. The Clerk was instructed to submit it to the County Council at the May Statutory Meeting.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

LANARK COUNTY TRAMWAYS.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 9th April, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark on the Lanark County Tramways. 9th April, 1913.

Present—

GEORGE FRASER. | WILLIAM M. MARSHALL.
ALEXANDER HAMILTON. | Colonel KING STEWART.
WILLIAM TEMPLETON.

Attending—

Mr. G. F. MÖLLER, A.M.I.E.E.

In the temporary absence of Mr. Fraser, the Convener was appointed chairman of the meeting. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 29th January last, which had been submitted to and approved by the Parliamentary Bills Committee, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk reported regarding the several matters aftermentioned as follows:— *Report by Clerk.*

Formal Contract executed.

The formal contract for the construction of the tramways had been finally adjusted and executed by the British Thomson-Houston Company, Limited, on 24th February.

Proposed Diversion of Telegraphs in Bellshill.

Although he had written on several occasions to the Postmaster-General he had not yet been able to obtain from him a decision regarding the removal of the telegraph poles in Bellshill. The Postmaster-General had, however, promised to dispose of the matter as soon as he was able.

Appointment of Inspector of Rails.

It being necessary to appoint an inspector to supervise the manufacture of the rails for the new tramways (after consultation with the British Thomson-Houston Company, Limited, and Mr. Möller) Mr. J. P. Davis, 1 Russell Street, Dowlais, had been appointed inspector. His remuneration had been fixed at 3d. per ton. Mr. Möller had undertaken that he would pay one or two visits to the rolling mills and personally inspect the process of manufacture.

Commencement of Work.

A quantity of rails and setts had now been delivered at Mossend Station, and an early commencement of the work of construction would be made

Statutory Notices.

The requisite notices of the intention to commence the work of construction had been given in terms of the Tramways Act, 1870, and the Lanark County Tramways Act, 1912, to all the companies and persons entitled to receive these.

Objection by Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyds, Limited.

The only objection so far received in response to these notices was one from Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyds, Limited, who have electric lighting poles in Milnwood Road, which would require to be removed to enable the tramway poles to be erected. Mr. Möller had been in communication with Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyds, Limited, and suggested that it would be proper for the County Council to arrange with that firm for the removal of the poles, and the transfer to a bracket on the tramway poles of the electric lighting cables carried by Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyds' poles. This would not interfere with the lighting of the road, and would render unnecessary the erection of new poles to carry the electric lighting cables. The sub-committee approved of the proposed arrangement with Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyds, Limited, and instructed the Clerk to intimate the suggested arrangement to the Middle Ward District Committee.

Proposed strengthening of Bridge of N.B. Railway Company at Uddingston.

While not objecting to the construction of the tramways, the North British Railway Company had written to the Clerk stating that the bridge over the Hamilton and Bothwell section of their railway at Uddingston would require to be altered and strengthened. The Engineer was at present looking into this matter. Should it prove necessary to make alterations on the bridge, the cost of these would fall upon the County Council, and in that event, the committee thought that an effort should be made to obtain a contribution from the Railway Company towards the cost of the improvement of the bridge.

Plans submitted to Board of Trade.

Plans of the method of construction of the tramways had been submitted to the Board of Trade, and had received the Board's approval. The Board was also at present considering the route plans and specifications of the electrical equipment, which had been forwarded to them.

Deviation from Parliamentary Plans.

In the course of laying out the lines of the rails it had been found advisable to deviate at points from the lines on the Parliamentary plans. This would have the effect of bringing the rails at certain points within a distance of 9 feet 6 inches from the kerb, and would necessitate the service of notices on the frontagers at these points. These notices were in course of being issued, but it was not anticipated that any of the frontagers would raise difficulties.

Bridges of Caledonian Railway Company.

Mr Möller was in communication with the Caledonian Railway Company, and the Middle Ward District Committee, regarding arrangements to be made for the carrying of the tramways across and under the bridges belonging to that Company, and also particularly in connection with the laying of the tramways across the bridge over the Wishaw and Coltness line at Milnwood, which the Company were contemplating renewing.

Properties to be acquired.

Plans of the five plots of grounds, which the County Council had powers to acquire compulsorily under the Lanark County Tramways Act, 1912, had been prepared and adjusted with the Engineer and the Middle Ward District Road Surveyor. The Clerk reported that as the result of interviews which he had had with the proprietors of three of these properties they were willing to negotiate with the County Council, without going through the procedure under the Lands Clauses Acts. It was remitted to the Clerk to continue his negotiations with these proprietors, and also to negotiate with the proprietors of the other two properties, and to report the result to the sub-committee.

Engineer's Remuneration.

The meeting then took into consideration the remuneration to be paid to Mr Möller as Engineer for the new tramways, when it was unanimouly agreed to recommend that Mr Möller be allowed a commission of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the cost of the tramways.

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BLANTYRE GAS.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 5th February, 1913, being a Meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark and of the District Committee of the Middle Ward appointed with reference to Blantyre Gas. 5th February, 1913.

Present—

James H. Fenton. | William Neilson.
George Fraser. | Colonel King Stewart.
James Tonner.

Attending—

As representing the Middle Ward District Committee—

William Barr. | Daniel Sym.
William Templeton.
W. E. Whyte, District Clerk.

As representing the District—

John Jackson. | Alexander R. Mitchell.

Mr. George Fraser was appointed chairman of the meeting. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 8th January, 1913, which had been submitted to and approved by the County Council on 29th January, 1913, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk reported that, as instructed by the sub-committee at the last meeting, he had employed Mr. Alexander Wilson, Glasgow Corporation Gas Manager, to test the quality of the gas supplied by the Blantyre Gas Company, as well as of that supplied by the Corporation of the Burgh of Hamilton. He submitted Mr. Wilson's report (Appendix I.), a copy of which had been previously furnished to the members of the sub-committee. *Report of test by Glasgow Corporation Gas Manager.*

He also submitted a Comparative Statement of Particulars relating to all the Gas Undertakings in the County of Lanark (Appendix II.), for the particulars of which he was indebted to Mr. Wilson. *Comparative statement of gas undertakings in Lanarkshire.*

Letter from Secretary of Gas Company.

The Clerk further reported that subsequent to last meeting of the committee he had forwarded to the Secretary of the Blantyre Gas Company a copy of the letter from Mr. Sillars, and in reply had received a letter from the Secretary of the Gas Company, which was in the following terms :—

" Parish Council Chambers,
" Blantyre, 3rd February, 1913.

" DEAR SIR,

" BLANTYRE GAS.

" With reference to your letter of 15th ultimo and copy further representations submitted by Mr. William Sillar on behalf of the Ratepayers' Committee, I am instructed by the Directors of the Company to say it is much to be regretted the Ratepayers' Committee should have resorted to exaggerations and statements that are undoubtedly misleading in their endeavour to enlist the sympathy of the County Council. For instance, they attempt to make light of the supply of gas to the colliery houses, and state it is the Company's intention ' to put in meters giving only 20 feet for a penny = 4s. 2d. per 1,000 feet.' This is misleading, as all the Company's slot meters are set at 4s. 2d. per 1,000 cubic feet, but the consumer is handed back 10d. for every 1,000 feet consumed, thus reducing the actual price of the gas to 3s. 4d. per 1,000 = 25 cubic feet for a penny.

" It may be noted the number of houses stated not to be using gas has been reduced by the committee from 2,200 to 1,700. Even this is now about 100 over-stated, as the number of meters presently in use is 1906, being 94 more than the number given to you on 31st October, 1911. Of these, about 30 are meters registering gas for power and street lighting purposes, so that instead of 1,500 as stated, there are practically 1,880 domestic meters in use. This increase in the number of meters surely proves there is not much of a boycott either on the part of owners or tenants of properties.

" It is admitted the quality of the gas was reduced, but only by a point or two, and this was done on the suggestion of your committee. Our gas, however, remains at about 20 candle-power.

" The committee appear now to deny having questioned the quality of the gas, but I have only to refer you to your sub-committee minute, of date 31st October, 1911, for proof of this.

" With regard to the reference to the gas unaccounted for and the leakage theory, the figures supplied to you (29·9 per cent.) as the average loss for 18 years are absolutely correct, and reports by Mr. Douglass, the District Engineer, and Mr. M'Millan, Water Engineer, to your committee, with respect to the damage to sewer drains and the water-pipes in this district as compared with other districts under their charge, might be the means of satisfying them that the statement is an honest one.

" Regarding the increase in population and the Company's progress, the following will show at a glance the advance in the Company's undertaking to have been proportionately much in excess of the increase in population :—

	Population.	Meters in use.
1892, ...	11,000 ...	724
1902, ...	14,000 ...	1,134
1912, ...	16,000 ...	1,906

" The Directors respectfully submit that the Company have given effect to the one important desire of your committee, viz., to see that a supply of gas was provided to the tenants occupying the Colliery Rows. This, with the concession in the price of gas and the abolition of meter rents given previous to our first interview, appears to have been the only causes of complaint, and being now remedied the Directors consider it will be very unfair on the part of the County Council if they prosecute the matter further.

" I am, SIR,

" Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) " A. B. MAXWELL,
" *Secretary.*"

After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Secretary of the Gas Company, stating that the sub-committee was glad to hear of the steps so far taken by the Company to remove the causes of complaint, and inviting the Directors of the Company to a further meeting with the sub-committee.

Proposed conference with Directors of Company.

APPENDIX I.

" Glasgow Corporation Gas Department,
" 45 John Street,
" Glasgow, 23rd January, 1913.

" Thos. Munro, Esq.,
" County Clerk,
" County Offices,
" Hamilton

" Dear Sir,

" In accordance with the request in your letter of 14th instant, I visited the Gas-works at Hamilton on the 20th instant and at Blantyre on the 21st instant, and now beg to report.

" The tests of the gas at the two places mentioned were made as nearly as possible under similar conditions, the No. 2 Metropolitan standard burner being used for consuming the gas, with the 10 candle pentane standard burner as the standard.

" Ten readings were taken in each case, at intervals of one minute, and the gas in the photometer had been lighted for about half-an-hour before the tests were carried out.

" The results were as follows :—

	Hamilton.	Blantyre.
Hour of test, ...	4.15 p.m.	5.10 p.m.
Average of 10 readings, ...	14·05 candle-power.	19·41 candle-power.
Temperature of gas, ...	60 degrees F.	49 degrees F.
Barometer, ...	29·0 inches.	29·6 inches.
Correction, ...	966	1,014
Rate of gas used, ...	4·97 cubic feet.	4·66 cubic feet.
Quality of gas corrected, ...	*14·62 candles.	*20·53 candles.

" In neither case was the date or hour of the visit intimated, but full facilities were given for the tests at Hamilton by Mr. Ballantine, the Manager, and at Blantyre, in the absence of Mr. Scott, the Manager, by the members of his family.

" I trust the above report is what you require.

" I am,

" Yours truly,

(Sgd.) " ALEX. WILSON."

* Compare with statement of candle-power entered in Appendix II.

APPENDIX II.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS RELATING TO GAS UNDERTAKINGS IN THE COUNTY OF LANARK.

Name of Undertaking.	Annual Make.	Total Consumers.	Mileage of Mains.	Price, Ordinary.	Price, Average.	Candle Power.
	Millions.					
*Airdrie, - -	100,404	5,694	31	2/6	2/2	16
Baillieston, -	14,648	1,023	7	2/11	—	19
Bellshill, - -	36,573	3,100	—	2/11	—	18
Biggar, - -	3,000	360	3	5/10	5/4	23
Blantyre, - -	33,316	1,906	17	2/11	2/11	19‡
†Bothwell and Uddingston,	83,400	4,340	34	2/-	1/11½	17
Cambuslang, -	72,300	6,100	25	2/9	—	16
Carfin, - -	10,000	647	9	3/11½	—	—
Carluke, -	21,723	1,329	9½	—	2/6	—
†Coatbridge, -	198,789	9,882	70	1/6	—	16½
East Kilbride,	4,150	450	6	5/-	5/-	22
*Glasgow, - -	7,207,621	282,541	1,039	1/11	1/10¾	18
*Hamilton,	160,066	8,034	39	1/10½	—	17‡
Holytown, -	8,808	919	—	3/9	—	—
Lanark, - -	26,807	1,614	11½	2/11 less 10%	—	—
Larkhall, -	35,111	2,100	—	2/9	—	—
Lesmahagow, -	5,484	504	—	3/4	3/4	23
Motherwell, -	117,317	8,002	—	2/6	—	16½
Shotts, - -	11,605	1,023	7	4/2	—	16
Strathaven, -	13,413	1,005	—	3/6½	—	24
*Wishaw, - -	71,274	4,606	23	2/11	2/11½	17½

* Authorised undertakings of local authorities.

† Authorised undertakings other than those of local authorities.

‡ Compare with statement of candle-power in Mr. Wilson's Report on preceding page.

BLANTYRE GAS.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 19th February, 1913, being a meeting of the Joint-Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark and of the District Committee of the Middle Ward appointed with reference to Blantyre Gas. 19th February, 1913.

Present:—

GEORGE FRASER. | Colonel KING STEWART.
WILLIAM NEILSON. | JAMES TONNER.

Attending—

As representing the Middle Ward District Committee—

WILLIAM BARR. | DANIEL SYM.
WILLIAM TEMPLETON.

As representing the District—

JOHN JACKSON. | ALEXANDER R. MITCHELL.

Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the sub-committee, of date 5th February, 1913, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the sub-committee, having been read were approved, and signed by the chairman. *Minutes of last meeting.*

There was submitted to the meeting a memorandum regarding the question of gas supply in the County of Lanark which the Clerk had prepared for the information of the members as instructed at the meeting on 8th January last. *Memorandum on question of gas supply.*

The Clerk reported that he had thought it proper to forward to the Town-Clerk of Hamilton a copy of the report by Mr. Wilson on the result of the tests recently made by him as to the quality of the gas manufactured by the Blantyre Gas Company and Hamilton Corporation. In reply to his letter forwarding the copy of the report, he had received the following letter from the Town-Clerk of Hamilton, viz. :— *Copy of Mr. Wilson's report sent to Town-Clerk, Hamilton.*

"The Town House,
"Hamilton, 18th February, 1913.

"DEAR SIR,

"HAMILTON AND BLANTYRE GAS.

"I am favoured with your letter of this date with a copy of the report by Mr. Alexander Wilson on the tests made by him last month at Hamilton and Blantyre Gas-works. The information will be submitted to the Gas Committee. The test of the Hamilton gas was taken under unfavourable conditions, as we could not get delivery of the coal contracted for. The average of the tests over a month as reported by the Gas Manager to last monthly meeting was 15·76 standard candles.

"Yours truly,

(Signed) "P. M. KIRKPATRICK,
Town-Clerk.

"THOS. MUNRO, Esq.,
"County Clerk."

Deputation from Blantyre Gas Company.

The Clerk stated that he had invited the directors of the Blantyre Gas Company to meet with the committee this afternoon, and that a deputation from the directors, consisting of Dr. Grant, and Messrs. Blackley, Macfarlane, and Templeton, with Mr. Scott, Manager, and Mr. Maxwell, Secretary, was in attendance.

The deputation having been introduced, the chairman explained that the sub-committee had been glad to learn that the Blantyre Gas Company had made certain improvements, but apparently these had not yet satisfied the gas consumers. The sub-committee had therefore arranged this meeting with the directors in order that the directors might have an opportunity of explaining whether they were able to effect any further improvements. If so, the sub-committee would report accordingly to the gas consumers, and ascertain if what the gas company proposed would remove the ground of their complaints.

After discussion of the whole subject, it was agreed that the directors of the Gas Company should carefully consider the position, and should thereafter furnish the sub-committee with a definite statement as to what, if anything, they were further prepared to do to meet the wishes of the gas consumers.

Dr. Grant having thanked the sub-committee for the courteous reception which had been given to the deputation, the deputation withdrew.

BLANTYRE GAS.

9th April, 1913.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 9th April, 1913, being a Meeting of the Joint Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark and of the District Committee of the Middle Ward appointed with reference to Blantyre Gas.

Present—

GEORGE FRASER. | WILLIAM NEILSON.

Attending—

As representing the Middle Ward District Committee:—

WILLIAM BARR. | DANIEL SYM.

WILLIAM TEMPLETON.

As representing the District:—

JOHN JACKSON. | ALAXANDER R. MITCHELL.

Chairman.

Mr. George Fraser, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 19th February, which had been submitted to and approved by the Parliamentary Bills Committee, were laid before the meeting and signed.

Letter from Blantyre Gas Company.

The Clerk submitted the following letter from the Secretary of the Blantyre Gas Company, viz.:—

"Blantyre Gas Company, Limited,
"Parish Council Chambers,
"Blantyre, 18th March, 1913.

"THOMAS MUNRO, Esq.,
"County Clerk.

"DEAR SIR,

"BLANTYRE GAS.

"With reference to the Directors' interview with your committee on 19th ultimo, and their request that the Directors should put in writing anything further they propose to do by way of benefiting the gas consumers and any further improvements they intend carrying out in connection with the gas supply,

"I am now instructed by the Directors to say that all the information possible has been supplied to your committee (1) in the Statements left with you at the interview on 31st October, 1911; (2) letters of dates 1st November, 1911, 15th April, 1912, 26th January, 1913, and 3rd February, 1913; and that they cannot meantime think of any further improvements that can be made, since the colliery houses, numbering five hundred, are now or soon will be supplied with gas. The Directors, however, give an undertaking that the price of gas will be further reduced whenever the earnings of the Company warrant this being done.

"At the last interview considerable stress was laid on the very large number of consumers the Ratepayers' Committee represented, and it was even suggested that a plebiscite of the consumers might be taken. The enclosed copy letter from the Secretary of the Blantyre Merchants' Association, which has ninety members, and who are our very best consumers, will clearly show that they at least are quite satisfied with the treatment they are receiving from the Gas Company.

"I am, Sir,

"Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) "A. B. MAXWELL,
"*Secretary.*"

Copy letter above referred to.

"Blantyre Merchants' Association,
"Stanley Place,
"Blantyre, March 4th, 1913.

"ROBERT SCOTT. Esq.,
"Gas Manager.

"DEAR SIR,

"With reference to our conversation, I have seen the President of the Blantyre Merchants' Association, and he instructed me to write to you the following. When the agitation for cheaper gas arose we got a letter from the Blantyre Co-operative inviting us to a public meeting. This letter was submitted to my committee, but it was decided to take no part in the agitation.

"Yours respectfully,

(Signed) "WILLIAM PATERSON,
"*Secretary, Blantyre Merchants' Association.*"

Company's statement considered unsatisfactory.

After hearing the letter read, and discussing its terms, and on a consideration of the whole circumstances as disclosed to the Joint Sub-Committee, the meeting came to the conclusion that the statement of the Company's intentions did not meet the situation, and accordingly agreed to give expression to the opinion that, in the event of proposals being made for the introduction of another gas supply into Blantyre, the Sub-Committee would not be prepared to recommend that an application for permission to open the roads to allow this to be done should be refused.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Friday, 11th April, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark to meet with Petitioners objecting to the Rating Clauses of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order. 11th April, 1913.

Present—

ALEXANDER HAMILTON.
ROBERT LAMBIE.
WILLIAM LOVE.
GAVIN A. SHANKS.
WILLIAM TEMPLETON.
JAMES TONNER.

Attending—

W. E. WHYTE, Clerk to Middle Ward District Committee.

In the absence of Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hamilton was appointed chairman of the meeting. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of last meeting of the sub-committee of date 4th April, which had not yet been printed, but the recommendations contained in which had been reported to and approved by the Parliamentary Bills Committee at their meeting that day, having been read by the Clerk, were approved of. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk stated that this meeting had been arranged for the purpose of interviewing representatives of the burghs of Motherwell and Wishaw. The Town Clerk of Motherwell, however, had written to him stating that as he and certain members of his Town Council had to be in London to-day it would not be convenient for representatives of his Town Council to attend this meeting, and suggesting that the conference might be postponed until after Thursday of next week. *Deputations.* *Letter from Town Clerk of Motherwell.*

A deputation from the Town Council of Wishaw consisting of Provost Nimmo, Bailie Steel, and Police-Judge Loudon, with Mr. Stewart, Town Clerk, was in attendance, and was invited to enter the meeting. *Deputation from Wishaw Town Council.*

The various points raised by the Town Council of Wishaw in their petition against the Order were discussed and the proposed modifications of the rating clauses explained. It appeared as a result of the discussion that apart from the abatement of 75 per cent. proposed to be given on the valuation of their pipes and sewers for the purposes of the domestic water rate, the sub-committee could hold out no prospect of further concessions to the Burgh of Wishaw.

The deputation undertook to report to their Town Council the result of this meeting and were thanked by the chairman for meeting with the sub committee.

Provost Nimmo on behalf of the deputation thanked the sub-committee for giving them the opportunity of conferring with them, and the deputation then withdrew.

Opposition by Trustees of Lord Colebrooke.

The Clerk reported that along with Mr. Whyte, the District Clerk, he had interviewed the agents for the trustees of Lord Colebrooke, and that he was of opinion that Lord Colebrooke's Trustees would persist in their opposition to the Order and more particularly in their opposition to the proposals of the Order relating to the amount of compensation water. In these circumstances he suggested that another Water Engineer might be retained to give evidence in support of the promoters' case.

Mr. Rofe, Water Engineer, to be retained.

The committee unanimously agreed that the Clerk should retain Mr. H. Rofe, 8 Victoria Street, Westminister, to appear in support of the Order, and failing his being able to act that some other engineer of eminence be selected.

The Clerk reported that he and Mr. Whyte were in communication with the remaining objectors and they were hopeful that it would be possible to come to an amicable settlement with the majority if not all of these before the Inquiry.

Conference to be arranged with representatives of Hamilton Town Council.

He reminded the meeting that no conference had yet taken place with the Town Council of Hamilton. It was agreed that representatives of the Town Council of Hamilton should be asked to meet the sub-committee on the same day as might be fixed for the postponed conference with Motherwell representatives, and in the meantime, the Clerk was instructed to endeavour to arrange for this conference taking place on Friday, 18th current.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER.

23rd April, 1913.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 23rd April, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the County Council of Lanark to meet with Petitioners objecting to the Rating Clauses of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order, 1913.

Present—

George Fraser.	William Neilson.
Robert Lambie.	Gavin A. Shanks.
William Love.	William Templeton.

James Tonner.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee.

Chairman.

Mr. George Fraser, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Sub-Committee of date 11th April, which had been printed and sent to each member, having been submitted, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk reported with reference to the several matters after-mentioned, and the Committee gave decisions thereanent as follows:— *Report by Clerk.*

Retaining of Engineer.

As arranged at last meeting Mr. H. Rofe, 8 Victoria Street, Westminster, had been asked to appear as a witness in support of the Order, but unfortunately on account of illness and other urgent matters he had been unable to accept a retainer. In these circumstances Sir Alexander Binnie had been consulted as to a suitable Engineer to take Mr. Rofe's place, and had recommended Mr. E. P. Hill of the firm of G. H. Hill & Sons, 3 Victoria Street, Westminster. With the approval of the Convener, Mr. Hill had been retained to act for the County Council. The sub-committee approved of Mr. Hill's employment.

Negotiations with Agents for Trustees of the Duke of Hamilton.

On 11th curt. the Clerk, with Mr. Whyte and Mr. MacMillan, had a meeting with Mr. Scott and Mr. Wallace, as representing the Duke of Hamilton's Trustees. The negotiations had been very favourable, and there was every prospect that an agreement would be adjusted and the Trustees opposition withdrawn.

Negotiations with North British Railway Company.

On 18th curt. the Clerk, accompanied by Mr. Whyte and Mr. MacMillan, had an interview with the officials of the North British Railway Company, as the result of which it was anticipated that the Company's opposition to the Order would be abandoned.

On 17th inst. the Clerk, with Mr. Whyte's Assistant, had an interview with representatives of Hamilton Town Council when the proposed modifications of the Rating Clauses had been fully explained. As a result, it was expected that the opposition of that Burgh would not be carried further.

Petition by Gourock Ropework Company.

On 11th curt. Messrs. Maclay, Murray, & Spens, Solicitors, Glasgow, had forwarded a Petition by their clients, the Gourock Ropework Company, Limited, against the Order. Measuring as the crow flies their clients' Mills at New Lanark were within 20 miles of the Camps Reservoir, and they were under the impression that their clients should have received notice of the Order. They stated that the matter had only been brought under their attention recently, and that they now desired leave to enter appearance against the Order. The Mills at New Lanark were actually about 39 miles from Camps following the bends of the river, and in terms of General Order 14, the Gourock Ropework Company appeared to have no *locus*.

It was agreed to leave it to Counsel to decide what steps should be taken in regard to this Petition.

Negotiations with Agent for Lord Colebrooke's Trustees.

When in London the Clerk and Mr Whyte had met Mr Tait, of Messrs. J. A. Leslie & Reid, C.E., who was advising the Trustees of Lord Colebrooke. Various proposals had been made for meeting the objections of the Trustees, but these had not resulted in a settlement. A further meeting was to take place to-morrow, when it was hoped some progress might be made towards a settlement. In the meantime it would be advisable that the County Council should have expert advice as to the value of the land which may be acquired from Lord Colebrooke's Trustees, and for that purpose it would be necessary to employ a Valuer.

The Committee approved of the proposal, and remitted to the Clerk to retain some Valuer of standing.

Correspondence with Town-Clerk, Motherwell.

As instructed at the meeting of the committee on 11th curt., the Clerk had written to the Town-Clerk of Motherwell inviting representatives of his Town Council to meet

with the sub-committee on 18th curt. In reply to that invitation he had received the following letter from the Town-Clerk of Motherwell, viz. :—

"Town Hall,
"Motherwell, 14th April, 1913.

"THOMAS MUNRO, Esq.,
"County Clerk,
"Hamilton.

"DEAR SIR,

"LANARKSHIRE WATER PROVISIONAL ORDER.

"Referring to our recent correspondence as to a further conference between your committee and the committee of my Council, on the subject of this Order and the Order promoted by this Burgh, which will be deposited on the 17th instant, I am instructed to repeat what was made clear at the previous interview, that a condition precedent to any discussion and settlement of the question raised is the retrocession with respect to water supply of the area added to the Burgh in 1908. If your Council is prepared to agree to that condition, my committee will be happy to attend any conference with the utmost willingness to conclude a friendly arrangement and avoid the expense of a contest on both Orders.

"My committee further instruct me to submit that in any case it is surely unnecessary to duplicate the enquiry and the costs, and that both Orders might, failing a friendly settlement, be heard together at the next enquiry period in July, and I now make this suggestion in the hope that your committee may see their way to agree to it, and I have no doubt the Scottish Office would, on a joint request, accept it.

"Yours faithfully,

"(Signed) JAMES BURNS,
"*Town-Clerk.*"

In answer to this letter, the Clerk had written in the following terms :—

"County Offices,
"Hamilton, 16th April, 1913.

"DEAR SIR,

"LANARKSHIRE (MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT) WATER ORDER.

"I have received your letters of yesterday and of this date.

"I regret that the committee of your Town Council have made it a condition, precedent to any discussion and settlement of the questions raised in your Petition against this Order, that there should be 'retrocession with respect to water supply of the area added to the Burgh in 1908.'

"I shall submit your letter to my committee on the first opportunity, but meantime I am afraid that, in view of the stipulation in your letter, the suggested meeting on Friday cannot proceed.

"I shall also take the instructions of my committee on the suggestion contained in the second paragraph of your letter, but I may state that I cannot see my way to advise a postponement of the hearing as you suggest. As you can understand, all our arrangements are now made for the 29th.

"Yours faithfully,

"(Signed) THOS. MUNRO,
"*County Clerk.*"

The meeting approved of the Clerk's letter, as they felt that there was no alternative but to decline to meet with representatives of the Town Council of Motherwell on the conditions laid down in the Town Clerk's letter.

23rd April, 1913.

Application by Motherwell Burgh for postponement of hearing.

With reference to the last paragraph in the letter from the Town Clerk of Motherwell of 14th curt., an application had been lodged by him with the Secretary for Scotland asking that the hearing of the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Order be postponed until July. On receiving intimation of this from Messrs. Grahames, Currey, & Spens, the Clerk had sent them instructions to oppose the application.

The meeting approved of the Clerk's action in this matter.

Mr. Tait, C.E., to be retained.

While Mr. Tait, of Messrs. J. A. Leslie & Reid, was appearing for the Trustees of Lord Colebrooke, his evidence on their behalf would be confined to the question of compensation water, and there was nothing to prevent him at the same time appearing as a witness for the County Council and giving evidence on their behalf on other points on which there was no conflict between the interests of the County Council and the Trustees of the late Lord Colebrooke. From his previous acquaintance with the Middle Ward Water Undertaking, Mr. Tait's evidence might be necessary.

The committee approved of the Clerk sending Mr. Tait a retainer if he were willing to give evidence for the County Council.

Negotiations with Corporation of Glasgow.

Negotiations had taken place with the Corporation of Glasgow regarding the proposal to extend the limits of supply of the Middle Ward Water area to include part of the lands of Burnside and the land of Springhall. The Middle Ward District Committee had no particular interest in the extension of the limits of supply other than to meet the convenience of the residents on the lands of Burnside and Springhall.

The committee were, therefore, of opinion that it was inexpedient to have any contest with the Corporation of Glasgow regarding the inclusion of these lands within the limits of supply of the Middle Ward District, and decided that, failing an amicable arrangement with Glasgow Corporation for the extension, the proposal to include these lands would be abandoned. It was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the County Clerk and the District Clerk, with power to them to make an arrangement with the Corporation.

Inquiry fixed for 29th current.

The Inquiry has been fixed to take place in No. 8 Court, Parliament House, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, 29th current, at 11.15 a.m., the Commissioners being the Earl of Camperdown, Chairman; the Earl of Moray; Sir Henry Craik, K.C.B., M.P.; and Mr. D. V. Pirie, M.P.

It was agreed that the members of the Sub-Committee should be in attendance at the Inquiry.

Post-card issued by Motherwell Town Council.

A post-card, issued by the Town Council of the Burgh of Motherwell, had recently been sent to the ratepayers in the part of the Burgh of Motherwell which is within the Middle Ward Water District, asking them to sign a petition in favour of annexation of that area to the Burgh for Water purposes, on the strength of certain allegations as to the increased water rates which would be levied within that portion of the Burgh as the result of the Camps Scheme.

The sub-committee agreed to leave this matter in the hands of the Clerk.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COMMITTEE ON FIRE BRIGADES.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 29th January, 1913, being a meeting of the Fire Brigade Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 29th January, 1913.

Present—

John Adam.	Alexander R. Mitchell.
J. Raeside Auld.	William Neilson.
Colonel Buchanan.	Robert Sharp.
James H. Fenton.	William Sym.
Alexander Hamilton.	Colonel King Stewart.
Robert Lambie.	John Todd.

Attending—

Captain Despard, Chief Constable of the County.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk submitted and read a letter which he had received from Mr. James Hamilton Houldsworth, of date 18th curt., thanking the Committee for appointing him Chairman of the Committee, but expressing his regret that he was unable to accept the appointment. *Appointment of chairman.—Declinature of Mr. J. Hamilton Houldsworth.*

The meeting thereafter, on the motion of Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Auld, unanimously appointed Mr. James H Fenton to be Chairman of the Committee. Mr. Fenton thanked the Committee for the honour conferred upon him and took the chair. *Mr. James H. Fenton appointed chairman.*

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee of date 15th January, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk submitted and read to the meeting Minutes (Appendix) of the Sub-Committee appointed in connection with Telephones, of date 22nd curt., and the same were approved of. *Minutes of Sub-Committee regarding Telephones.*

As relative to the question of telephones the Clerk submitted a letter which he had received from the Clerk to the Parish Council of Glasford, of date 22nd January, urging the desirability of providing telephone facilities at Chapelton and Glasford, and the Clerk explained that the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, if given effect to, would meet the request made by the Parish Council. *Communications from Glasford Parish Council re provision of telephones at Chapelton and Glasford.*

The Clerk submitted and read a letter which he had received from the Town-Clerk of Wishaw, and which was in the following terms, viz :— *Communication from Town-Clerk, Wishaw.*

"Town-Clerk's Office,
"Wishaw, 15th January, 1913.

"Dear Sir,

"Fire Brigade.

"At a meeting of my Fire Brigade Committee, held on 9th instant, I was authorised to communicate with you, with a view to ascertaining if the County Council would be prepared to erect at a point between Motherwell and Wishaw, and equip and work, a Fire Station for and on behalf of these Burghs, and, if so, upon what

terms; these being stated alternatively (*a*) by way of an annual charge, and (*b*) by a levy of so much per £ upon the assessable rentals in the Burghs along with the present County Assessment within the Burghs.

"I have informed the Town-Clerk of Motherwell that I have written you on the above lines, and I shall be pleased to hear a reply from you at your early convenience.

"I am,

"Yours faithfully,

"(Signed) A. G. STEWART,
"*Town-Clerk.*"

Communication from Firemaster.

As relative thereto, he also submitted and read a letter from the Firemaster, which was as follows, viz.:—

"Chief Constable's Office,
"Hamilton, 18th January, 1913.

"DEAR SIR,

"In reply to your letter of 17th, enclosing copy of letter from the Town-Clerk of Wishaw, although it is perhaps somewhat early for me to express an opinion on the suggestion made by the Town-Clerk, I think it as well to at once point out the main difficulty in carrying out this suggestion. That difficulty is that constables in Wishaw Burgh are concentrated in Wishaw Police Station, and those for Motherwell in Motherwell Police Station. At Craigneuk, which is approximately half way between the two Burghs, there are only five men, not sufficient to provide a proper contingent of constables for a Motor Fire Engine Station.

"I may say that I think a Motor Fire Engine Station at Wishaw Police Station would be an excellent thing, both for the Burgh and the County districts east of the Clyde; it would also, with the assistance of the Bellshill Brigade, give adequate protection to the Burgh of Motherwell, if Motherwell Burgh kept a Fire Brigade capable of quickly dealing with small outbreaks.

"If Motherwell and Wishaw, however, are desirous of having a Station on the borders of the two Burghs, a site in the neighbourhood of Flemington Station would be the most convenient; and I should suggest that a combined Police and Fire Brigade Station, with accommodation for, at least, six married and six single men. The men occupying this building might be both men doing duty in Motherwell and Wishaw Burghs, and also men doing duty in the County districts

"Yours truly,

(Signed) "H. J. DESPARD,
"*Firemaster.*"

The meeting, after consideration, remitted to the Chairman, the Clerk, and the Firemaster to meet with representatives of the Burgh of Wishaw on the subject and to report.

Report of meeting with representatives of Town Council of Hamilton.

The Clerk reported that, at the request of the Town Council of Hamilton, he had, along with the Firemaster, met representatives of that Burgh, and had discussed with them alternative proposals for a joint arrangement as between the County and the Burgh, but that the Town Council had not yet come to any definite determination in the matter.

Communications from Parish Council of Carluke re *maintenance of existing local fire brigade appliances at Carluke and Law.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a further communication from the Clerk to the Parish Council of Carluke urging the desirability of continuing to maintain the existing local fire brigade appliances at Carluke and Law as a first aid in cases of outbreak of fire.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed to provide a subsidiary station at Carluke, at which the present apparatus, and any necessary additions, and a local staff should be stationed, and that as regards Law that the existing hose, branch pipes, &c., should remain in charge of the Water Superintendent there.

Letter from Firemaster re *work performed by Architect.*

The Clerk submitted a letter from the Firemaster, of date 28th January, relating to work done by Mr. James Lochhead, architect, in connection with fire stations other than work connected with new buildings.

The meeting agreed to continue this matter for further consideration.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE OF FIRE BRIGADE COMMITTEE ON TELEPHONES.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 22nd January, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Fire Brigade Committee regarding Telephone Arrangements. 22nd January, 1913.

Present—

J. Raeside Auld. | Colonel King Stewart.
Alf~ander Pillans. | Thomas Watt.

Attending—

Captain Despard, Chief Constable of the County.

Colonel King Stewart was appointed chairman of the meeting. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk read to the meeting the remit to the sub-committee, which was in the following terms, viz. :— *Remit.*

"With regard to the provision for coping with outbreaks of fire in outlying villages Mr. Watt referred to the want of telegraph or telephone facilities at Longriggend and other places in the County.

"The meeting, having taken into consideration the question of the more general provision of telephone connections in districts not now served by the Post Office, agreed that steps be taken with a view to such facilities being provided where possible, and with this object appointed the following sub-committee to consider and report on the matter, viz. :—Mr. Hamilton Houldsworth, chairman of the committee, and Messrs. Auld, Pillans, and Watt—Mr. Hamilton Houldsworth to be chairman of the sub-committee, and two a quorum."

There was submitted a communication from the Firemaster, which was as follows viz. :— *Communication from Firemaster.*

"Chief Constable's Office,
"Hamilton, N.B., 20th January, 1913.

"Gentlemen,

"Telephones have now been put into most of the Police Stations where there are Exchanges, but I think that, now the Fire Brigade has proved itself capable of reaching practically every place of any importance in the County within

half-an-hour of the call being received, it would be a great advantage to have telephones at the following places, viz. :—

"Stepps.—Where there is a local Exchange.

"Carmunnock.—There is valuable villa property in the neighbourhood of this village, but I believe a telephone would be very expensive, as the nearest Exchange is, I think, Clarkston.

"Glenboig.—Nearest Exchange Coatbridge.

"Greengairs, Longriggend, Caldercruix, Plains, Calderbank, and Chapelhall.—Nearest Exchange Airdrie.

"Salsburgh.—Nearest Exchange Holytown.

"Nackerty.—Nearest Exchange Uddingston.

"Glasford.—Nearest Exchange Strathaven.

"Chapelton.—Although there is no constable in Chapelton, I think the Fire Brigade Committee might join with others in getting a wire put in.

"Netherburn, Rosebank, Overtown, Law, Forth, Carnwath, Tarbrax, Abington, Crawford, *Symington, Coalburn, Blackwood, Carfin, and Newarthill.

"In some of these places there are telephones for purely Post Office purposes, but they are only used for sending telegrams, and have, I understand, no direct communication with the Exchanges, and are not allowed to be used by the general public.

"Places where there are public Call Offices are marked with an asterisk, but as these offices are only open during Post Office hours, they are of no use for an outbreak at night.

"I have the honour to be, GENTLEMEN,

"Your obedient Servant,

"H. J. DESPARD, *Captain*,
"*Firemaster.*"

Communication to be made to Postmaster-General as to provision of telephones.

The meeting, after consideration, agreed generally to the recommendation contained in the Firemaster's letter, and instructed the Clerk to communicate with the Postmaster-General with a view to ascertaining whether telephones could be provided at the several places mentioned, and, if so, on what terms.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 5th February, 1913, being a meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Lanark. — 5th February, 1913.

Present -

William Barr.	Colonel Logan.
Colonel Buchanan.	William Neilson.
Walter C. B. Christie.	Alexander Pillans.
George Fraser.	William Speirs.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.	Colonel King Stewart
Robert Lambie.	William Templeton.

John Todd.

Mr. Neilson, chairman of the committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 8th January, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

Accounts and requisitions, as per precept book, amounting in all to £51,950 2s. 1d., were laid before the meeting, and the same, having been examined, were passed for payment, the precept book being initialed by the Chairman and Mr. Templeton. — *Accounts and requisitions.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the following statement of loan indebtedness, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee, viz. :— — *Statement of loan indebtedness.*

Statement of Loan Indebtedness as at 1st February, 1913.

Loan indebtedness reported at last meeting, ...		£957,162	0 10
Loans repaid since last meeting, ...	£13,715 0 0		
Loans taken do., ...	9,383 6 8		
		4,331	13 4
		£952,830	7 6
Sums due to Bank on capital accounts.		75,622	0 0
		£1,028,452	7 6

The County Fund stands at £71,558 9s. 1d. to the credit made up as follows :—

On Loan to Glasgow Corporation, ...	£20,000 0 0
On Deposit Receipt, ...	30,000 0 0
On Account Current, ...	21,558 9 1
	£71,558 9 1

As relative to the above statement, the Clerk submitted (*a*) acknowledgment by the Corporation of Glasgow of the amount on temporary loan, and (*b*) certificate by the Royal Bank of Scotland of the amount on deposit receipt.

Statement of collection of assessments.

The Clerk also submitted the following statement of the collection of assessments viz. :—

STATEMENT OF THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1912-13 AS AT 29TH JANUARY, 1913, AS COMPARED WITH 1911-12.

Percentage collected at same date last year.	District.	Amount levied.	Amount collected.	Percentage.
65·00 ...	Airdrie,	£27,632 4 2	£17,098 17 0	... 61·88
68·87 ...	Biggar,	10,778 4 8	7,416 18 3	... 68·81
67·07 ...	Glasgow,	52,535 13 1	33,826 18 7	... 64·39
55·91 ...	Hamilton,	104,766 9 2	55,238 17 7	... 52·72
59·21 ...	Lanark,	18,796 2 5	11,505 18 3	... 61·21
69·26 ...	Strathaven,	10,595 12 6	7,278 16 10	... 68·69
61·80		£225,104 6 0	£132,366 6 6	58·80
44·87	Railways,	22,383 14 10	22,383 14 10	... 100·
60·44		£247,488 0 10	£154,750 1 4	62·53

DETAILS OF AMOUNT COLLECTED.

Applicable to other districts.				Total.		
£4,188	2	9	James Russell, Collector, Airdrie, ...	£14,473	1	2
57	4	4	W. B. Pairman, Collector, Biggar, ...	4,214	0	8
12,649	17	8	Thos. Tennent, Collector, Glasgow, ...	41,509	16	10
2,022	11	9	W. D. Loudon, Collector, Hamilton, ...	39,202	1	4
—			County Clerk, Collection Districts, £18,343 12 5½			
—			County Clerk, Railways, &c., ... 22,383 14 10			
				40,727	7	3½
906	4	3	A. W. Paterson, Collector, Lanark, ...	8,794	8	7
216	1	11	Robt. M'Cowan, Collector, Strathaven, ...	5,828	15	5½
				£154,750	1	4

Remuneration of Collectors.—Appointment of sub-committee.

It was remitted to the following sub-committee to consider as to the remuneration to be paid to the Collectors of County Rates for the current year, and to report :—

George Fraser. Alexander Pillans.
William Neilson. William Speirs.
Colonel King Stewart.

Mr. Neilson to be chairman of the sub-committee and two a quorum.

Middle Ward Water requisitions.

There were laid before the meeting requisitions by the District Committee of the Middle Ward for sums required in connection with the Middle Ward Water Undertaking, viz. :—

No. 161 (new), dated 1st February, 1913, ... £2,946 7 1
No. 166 (old), dated 1st February, 1913, ... 1,066 18 5

Telegraph and telephone poles.—Deputation. — Communication from Under Secretary for Scotland.

The Clerk reported that, as instructed at last meeting, he had made a representation to the Secretary for Scotland on the subject of the deputation which waited upon the

Postmaster-General in regard to telegraph and telephone poles, and he submitted the reply which had been received, and which was in the following terms, viz :

"Scottish Office,
"Whitehall, S.W.,
"30th January, 1913.

"SIR,

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant, I am directed by the Secretary for Scotland to state, for the information of the County Council of Lanarkshire, that, in view of the assurance conveyed therein with regard to future compliance with the regulations of September, 1906, he does not propose to press his objections to the deputation charges which have been the subject of correspondence, and has communicated accordingly with the County Auditor.

"I am, &c.,

"JAMES M. DODDS."

The meeting expressed their satisfaction with the terms of the reply.

Excambion of sites of two metal magazines for another site.

There was submitted a communication from the Clerk to the District Committee of the Lower Ward, of date 3rd February, enclosing excerpts from minutes of meetings of the Highways Committee of the District recommending the excambion of the sites of two metal magazines on the south side of the Cumbernauld Road east from Muirhead for another site on the lands of Colonel Sprot. The meeting, after consideration, approved of the proposal of the District Committee, and instructed the Clerk to communicate with the Secretary for Scotland with a view to obtaining his consent thereto.

Applications relative to borrowing.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting applications for the consent of the committee to the borrowing of the following sums to meet the cost of capital works, viz. :—

MIDDLE WARD.

(1) £17,400 for the construction of intercepting and outfall sewers and sewage tanks at Threeneuk in conection with the Cambuslang Special Drainage District ;

(2) £2,500 for the provision of additional accommodation at Stonehouse Hospital ;

(3) £200 for the provision of additional accommodation at the District Offices, Hamilton.

LOWER WARD.

£170 for the extension of sewer in Peveril Avenue and erection of ventilating shafts at Burnside within Rutherglen (Landward) Special Drainage District.

The meeting, having considered the above applications, and the information submitted in relation to them, agreed to recommend the borrowing of the sums above specified, subject to the consent of the Standing Joint Committee being obtained, and the Clerk was instructed to submit the applications to that Committee for their consent.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5th March, 1913

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 5th March, 1913, being a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

William Barr.	Colonel Logan.
Colonel Buchanan.	William Neilson.
Walter C. B. Christie.	Alexander Pillans.
William L. Dyer.	Colonel King Stewart.
George Fraser.	William Templeton.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.	John Todd.
Robert Lambie.	Thomas Watt.

Chairman

Mr. Neilson, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 5th February, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Accounts and requisitions.

Accounts and requisitions, as per precept book, amounting in all to £45,104 14s. 11d., were laid before the meeting, and the same, having been examined, were passed for payment, the precept book being initialed by Messrs. Pillans and Templeton.

Statement of loan indebtedness.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the following statement of loan indebtedness, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee, viz. :—

Statement of Loan Indebtedness as at 1st March, 1913.

Loan indebtedness reported at last meeting, ...		... £952,830	7 6
Loans repaid since last meeting, ...	£25,113 18 0		
Loans taken do., ...	6,620 0 0		
		18,493	18 0
		£934,336	9 6
Sums due to Bank on Capital accounts, ...		... 103,075	6 2
		£1,037,411	15 8

The County Fund stands at £95,645 9s. 1d. to the credit, made up as follows :—

On loan to Glasgow Corporation, ...	£50,000 0 0
On deposit receipt, ...	35,000 0 0
On account current, ...	10,645 9 1
	£95,645 9 1

As relative to the above statement, the Clerk submitted (*a*) acknowledgments by the Corporation of Glasgow of the amount on temporary loan, and (*b*) certificate by the Royal Bank of Scotland of the amount on deposit receipt.

The Clerk also submitted the following statement of the collection of assessments, viz. :— *Statement of collection of assessments.*

STATEMENT OF THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1912-13 AS AT 27TH FEBRUARY, 1913, AS COMPARED WITH 1911-1912.

Percentage collected at same date last year.	District.	Amount levied.	Amount collected.	Percentage.
94·45	Airdrie, ...	£27,632 4 2	£26,577 15 11	96·18
96·56	Biggar, ...	10,778 4 8	10,721 8 2	99·47
94·01	Glasgow, ...	52,535 13 1	50,893 8 6	96·87
91·37	Hamilton, ...	104,766 9 2	99,851 8 1	95·30
93·54	Lanark, ...	18,796 2 5	18,269 0 6	97·20
96·49	Strathaven, ...	10,595 12 6	10,232 19 2	96·57
93·11		£225,104 6 0	£216,546 0 4	96·20
100	Railways, ...	22,383 14 10	22,383 14 10	100
93·706		£247,488 0 10	£238,929 15 2	96·54

DETAILS OF AMOUNT COLLECTED.

Applicable to other Districts.			Total.
£4,750 10 8	James Russell, Collector, Airdrie, ...		£19,572 16 11
67 13 7	W. B. Pairman, Collector, Biggar, ...		5,145 7 7
18,524 8 1	Thos. Tennent, Collector, Glasgow, ...		63,061 1 3
2,351 15 6	W. D. Loudon, Collector, Hamilton, ...		65,304 3 3
—	County Clerk—Collection Districts,	£43,538 8 3	
—	Railways, ...	22,383 14 10	
			65,922 3 1
1,003 7 7	A. W. Paterson, Collector, Lanark, ...		13,167 12 9
243 10 2	Robt. M'Cowan, Collector, Strathaven, ...		6,756 10 4
			£238,929 15 2

The Clerk reported the proceedings (Appendix) at a meeting held that day of the sub-committee appointed to consider as to the remuneration to be paid to the collectors of county rates. *Proceedings at meeting of sub-committee appointed to consider remuneration of collectors.*

The Clerk intimated applications by *(a)* Mr. Thomas H. Bell, Sheriff Officer, 28 Chapel Street, Hamilton, and *(b)* Mr. Francis Cassells, 47 Cadzow Street, Hamilton, to collect the arrears of county assessments for the current year. The Clerk having stated that, as instructed by the committee at their meeting in January, he had already made arrangements for the collection of arrears, the meeting agreed that they could not accede to the requests. *Applications by Mr. T. H. Bell and Mr. Francis Cassells to collect the arrears of county assessments.*

There were laid before the meeting requisitions by the District Committee of the Middle Ward for sums required in connection with the Middle Ward Water undertaking, viz. :— *Middle Ward Water.—Requisitions.*

No. 162 (new), dated 1st March, 1913, ...	£1,502	17 6
No. 167 (old), dated 1st March, 1913, ...	737	3 1

There were submitted (1) communication from the Secretary for Scotland conveying his approval to the remuneration of the County Auditor being increased from £400 to £450 inclusive of all outlays, and (2) letter from the Auditor thanking the County Council for the increase. *Salary of County Auditor.*

Applications relative to borrowing.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting applications for the consent of the committee to the borrowing of the following sums to meet the cost of Capital Works, viz. :—

Middle Ward—

(1) £162 for the completion of Airbles Highway Improvement near Middle Ward Hospital;

(2) £450 for the completion of the recent additions at Shotts Hospital, including the cost of heating, &c., plant.

(3) £1,396 for the completion of the recent additions at Stonehouse Hospital, including the cost of heating, &c., plant.

The meeting, having considered the above applications, and the information submitted in relation to them, agreed to recommend the borrowing of the sums above specified, subject to the consent of the Standing Joint-Committee being obtained, and the Clerk was instructed to submit the applications to that committee for their consent.

APPENDIX.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE REGARDING REMUNERATION OF COLLECTORS OF COUNTY RATES.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings there, upon Wednesday, 5th March, 1913, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Lanark, appointed with reference to the remuneration to be paid to the Collectors of County Rates for the current year. 5th March, 1913.

Present—

George Fraser.	Alexander Pillans.
William Neilson.	Colonel King Stewart.

Mr. Neilson, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting the remit to the sub-committee, which was in the following terms, viz. :— *Remit.*

It was remitted to the following sub-committee to consider as to the remuneration to be paid to the Collectors of County Rates for the current year, and to report :—

George Fraser.	Alexander Pillans.
William Neilson.	William Speirs.

Colonel King Stewart.

Mr. Neilson to be chairman of the sub-committee and two a quorum.

The meeting having proceeded to consider the remit, the Clerk submitted statement showing particulars regarding the collection of county assessments for the current year, and explained the nature and extent of the duties now performed by the several collectors. *Statement showing particulars regarding collection of county assessments.*

After discussion, and certain tentative figures having been agreed upon, it was resolved to continue the matter for further consideration, and meantime the Clerk was instructed to interview Mr. Tennent whose case has always been considered as special, with a view to his being retained as a whole time official of the Council on fair and reasonable terms *Matter continued for further consideration.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

2nd April, 1913. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 2nd April, 1913, being a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

William Barr.	Robert Lambie.
Walter C. B. Christie.	Colonel Logan.
William L. Dyer.	William Neilson.
George Fraser.	Alexander Pillans.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.	Colonel King Stewart.
James Hamilton Houldsworth.	John Todd.

Thomas Watt.

Chairman. Mr. Neilson, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 5th March, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Minutes of Sub-Committee regarding remuneration of Collectors of County Rates. The minutes of the sub-committee appointed with reference to the remuneration of the Collectors of County Rates, of date 26th March (Appendix), which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Accounts and requisitions. Accounts and requisitions, as per precept book, amounting in all to £46,117 19s. were laid before the meeting, and the same, having been examined, were passed for payment, the precept book being initialed by the Chairman and Mr. Lambie.

Statement of Loans. The Clerk submitted to the meeting the following statement of loan indebtedness, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee, viz. :—

Statement of Loan Indebtedness as at 29th March, 1913.

Loan indebtedness reported at last meeting, ...				£934,336	9	6
Loans repaid since last meeting, ...	£40,630	0	0			
Loans taken since last meeting, ...	22,780	0	0			
				17,850	0	0
				£916,486	9	6
Sums due to Bank on Capital Accounts, ...				89,817	4	0
				£1,006,303	13	6

The County Fund stands at £68,547 to the credit, made up as follows :—

On Loan to Glasgow Corporation, ...	£50,000	0	0			
On Deposit Receipt, ...	10,000	0	0			
On Account Current, ...	8,547	0	0			
				£68,547	0	0

As relative to the above statement, the Clerk submitted (*a*) acknowledgments by the Corporation of Glasgow of the amount on temporary loan, and (*b*) certificate by the Royal Bank of Scotland of the amount on deposit receipt.

The Clerk also submitted the following statement of the Collection of Assessments, viz:— *Statement of collection of assessments.*

STATEMENT OF THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1912-13, AT CLOSE OF COLLECTION AS COMPARED WITH 1911-12.

Percentage collected at same date last year.		District.	Amount levied.	Amount collected.		Percentage.
95·80	...	Airdrie, -	£27,632 4 2	£26,961 5 3	...	97·57
99·50	...	Biggar, -	10,778 4 8	10,754 17 0	...	99·88
95·25	...	Glasgow, -	52,535 13 1	52,286 0 1	...	99·52
96·18	...	Hamilton,	104,766 9 2	102,568 13 5	...	97·90
97·70	...	Lanark, -	18,796 2 5	18,491 13 3	...	98·38
97·88	...	Strathaven,	10,595 12 6	10,516 3 3½	...	99·24
96·19			£225.104 6 0	£221,578 12 3½	...	98·43
100	...	Railways,	22,383 14 10	22,383 14 10	...	100
96·50			£247,488 0 10	£243,962 7 1½		98·57

DETAILS OF AMOUNT COLLECTED.

Applicable to other Districts.					
£4.750	10	8	Jas. Russell, Collector, Airdrie, - - - -	£19.566	16 11
67	13	7	W. B. Pairman, Collector, Biggar, - - -	5,145	7 7
18,857	9	2½	Thos. Tennent, Collector, Glasgow, - - -	64,296	5 10½
2,351	15	6	W. D. Loudon, Collector, Hamilton, - - -	65,304	3 3
—			County Clerk, Collection Districts, £47,341 15 7		
—			County Clerk, Railways, - - 22,383 14 10		
				69,725	10 5
1,003	7	7	A. W. Paterson, Collector, Lanark, - - -	13,167	12 9
243	10	2	Robert M'Cowan, Collector, Strathaven, - -	6,756	10 4
				£243,962	7 1½

There was laid before the meeting a Statement of the Arrears of Assessments for the year 1911-12, and previous years, recovered, and an allocation thereof, amongst the several accounts of which the meeting approved. The Clerk was authorised to strike out of his books all arrears outstanding from the assessments of 1911-12, leaving them, however, still open for recovery. *Statement of Arrears of Assessments.*

There were laid before the meeting requisitions by the District Committee of the Middle Ward for sums required in connection with the Middle Ward Water Undertaking, viz.:— *Middle Ward Water requisitions.*

No. 163 (new) dated 29th March, 1913, ... £343 18 5
No. 168 (old) dated 29th March, 1913, ... 242 0 6

There was submitted a communication from the Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward, of date 20th ultimo, containing a proposal by the District Committee to apply a portion of their share of the Equivalent Grant towards the lighting with gas of Burnhead, Woodside, and Netherburn Highway from the boundary of the Larkhall Special Lighting District to Ashgill at an estimated capital cost of £109, with an annual cost of £32 10s. *Equivalent Grant.—Lighting of Burnhead, Woodside, and Netherburn Highway.*

The meeting approved of the proposal, and instructed the Clerk to communicate with the Secretary for Scotland with a view to obtaining his consent thereto as a Scheme of Public Utility in terms of Section 2 (5) (*c*) of the Education, &c., Account (Scotland) Act, 1892.

Application by Glasgow Veterinary College for Grant.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from the Secretary of the Glasgow Veterinary College, dated 12th March, making application for a grant towards the Revenue Fund of the institution. The meeting, having considered the matter, unanimously agreed to recommend that the same contribution as last year, viz.—75 guineas—be made out of next year's Equivalent Grant, subject to the consent of the Secretary for Scotland being obtained.

Stonehouse Hospital. — Proposal by Middle Ward District Committee to feu additional ground.

There was submitted to the meeting a communication from the Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee, of date 13th February, containing a proposal by the District Committee to feu from Mr. R. L. Alston of Finnart, Kilmun, additional ground at Stonehouse Hospital, extending to about 1½ acres, at the same rate of feu-duty as that paid for the site of the Hospital, viz., £12 per acre. The meeting approved.

Improvement on East and West Highway at Strathaven.—Proposal by Middle Ward District Committee.

There was also submitted to the meeting a letter from the Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward, of date 1st April, enclosing copy correspondence which had taken place between him and Messrs. Gebbie & Wilson, writers, Strathaven, relative to the proposed acquisition by the District Committee of a property at the Cross there, with a view to the carrying out of an improvement on the East and West Highway at an objectionable corner, and stating that the Imperial Road Board had agreed to make a grant of one-half the cost of the improvement including the purchase of the property. The meeting approved.

Allocation of Balance of Education (Scotland) Fund.—Expenses.—Contribution to Secondary Education Committee.

The Clerk having reminded the meeting of the proceedings that had been taken by the County Council in connection with the first Allocation of the Balance of the Education (Scotland) Fund, and having advised them of the amount of the expenses incurred in representing the general case, the meeting agreed that a sum of £250 should be granted from the funds which presently stood in the County books as earmarked for the purpose of Technical Education.

Motor Car Acts.—Registration of heavy motor vehicle

In connection with the registration of heavy motor vehicles under the Motor Car Acts, the Clerk explained to the meeting that it was necessary to make an examination of each vehicle before being registered, and that considerable difficulty was now being experienced in ascertaining the dimensions of the wheels, axle-weights, and other particulars; and stated that it would be of material advantage to the member of his staff who had charge of this matter if an opportunity were afforded him of conferring with one or two Local Authorities on the subject, and that this might involve his attendance in London. The meeting approved of the Clerk's suggestion.

Applications relative to borrowing.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting applications for the consent of the committee to the borrowing of the following sums to meet the cost of capital works, viz. :—

UPPER WARD.

£500 for the laying of 760 yards of 5-inch steel tubes to lead in additional springs to the Lesmahagow Special Water Supply District.

MIDDLE WARD.

(1) £3,100 for the provision of additional ward accommodation at Bothwell Hospital, Bellshill.

(2) £1,950 for the provision of an additional wooden pavilion, &c., at Shotts Hospital.

LOWER WARD.

£682 7s. for the construction of works necessary for the protection of the high-level water tanks at Craigend within the South Cadder Special Water District.

The meeting, having considered the above applications and the information submitted in relation to them, agreed to recommend the borrowing of the sums above specified subject to the consent of the Standing Joint-Committee being obtained, and the Clerk was instructed to submit the applications to that committee for their consent.

APPENDIX.

SUB-COMMITTEE REGARDING REMUNERATION OF COLLECTORS OF COUNTY RATES.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 26th March, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Lanark, appointed with reference to the remuneration to be paid to the Collectors of County Rates for the current year. 26th March, 1913.

Present—

GEORGE FRASER. WILLIAM NEILSON.
ALEXANDER PILLANS.

Mr. Neilson, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk having submitted and read the minutes of the last meeting of the sub-committee, of date 5th March, the same were approved of. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The meeting having proceeded to further consider the remit, the Clerk reported the result of his interview with Mr. Tennent. *Further consideration of remit.*

After discussion, and the meeting having come to certain findings as to the remuneration to be paid to the several Collectors, including Mr. Tennent, the Clerk was instructed to prepare a draft of a Report by the Sub-Committee for submission to a future meeting. *Clerk instructed to prepare draft Report.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

23rd April, 1913.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 23rd April, 1913, being a meeting of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

William Barr.	William Neilson.
William L. Dyer.	Alexandr Pillans.
George Fraser.	William Templeton.
Nathaniel D. I. Gold.	John Todd.
Robert Lambie.	William Speirs.
Colonel Logan.	Thomas Watt.

Chairman.

Mr. Neilson, Chairman of the Committee presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 2nd April, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Accounts and requisitions.

Accounts and requisitions, as per precept book, amounting in all to £42,827 12s. 1d were laid before the meeting, and the same, having been examined. were passed for payment, the precept book being initialed by the Chairman and Mr. Pillans.

Statement of Loan Indebtedness.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the following Statement of Loan Indebtedness, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee, viz :—

Statement of Loan Indebtedness as at 19th April, 1913.

Loan indebtedness reported at last meeting, ...		£916,486 9 6
Loans taken since last meeting, ...	44,250 0 0	
Loans repaid since last meeting, ...	£15,633 14 11	
		28,616 5 1
		£945,102 14 7
Sums due to Bank on Capital Accounts, ...		54,507 0 2
		£999,609 14 9
The County Fund stands at	£81.969 0 0	
to the credit made up as follows :—		
On Loan to Glasgow Corporation.	£50,000 0 0	
On Deposit Receipt, ...	10,000 0 0	
On Account Current, ...	21,969 0 0	
	£81,969 0 0	

As relative to the above statement, the Clerk submitted (*a*) acknowledgments by the Corporation of Glasgow of the amount on temporary loan, and (*b*) certificate by the Royal Bank of Scotland of the amount on deposit receipt.

Abstract of collection accounts.

The Clerk laid before the meeting the following Report by the County Auditor on the Collection of the County Rates for the current year :—

Report by Peter Rintoul, Chartered Accountant, Glasgow, County Auditor appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland, under the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, to the Finance Committee of the County Council of the County of Lanark.

In terms of instructions contained in the Regulations for conducting the Collection of the County Rates, drawn up by the Finance Committee of the County Council of the County of Lanark, the Auditor has the honour to report that he has proved from the

Assessment Rolls for the year 1912-13 that the Collectors have been charged with the correct amount of Assessment, and has verified by Bank Certificate the amounts paid into Bank.

He has also satisfied himself as to the correctness of the abatements and reliefs sanctioned.

The following Statement shews the result of the Collection of the Consolidated Rates :—

Collector.	District.	Total Assessments as per Rolls.	Amount Collected.	Arrears.	Abatements and Reliefs sanctioned.	Allowance to Owners of Small Dwelling-houses, at 2½ per cent.—The House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911, Chap. 4.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
W. B. Pairman, -	1. Biggar, - -	10,778 4 8	5,143 2 4	31 17 5	6 14 4	5 2 6
A. W. Paterson, -	2. Lanark, - - -	18,796 2 5	13,149 15 4	258 11 6	20 13 2	21 7 4
W. Dykes Loudon,	3. Hamilton, - -	104,766 9 2	65,227 15 7	1,795 3 6	293 1 11	141 10 3
R. M'Cowan, -	4. Strathaven, - -	10,595 12 6	6,742 9 0	60 2 10	27 19 1	16 5 0
James A. Russell,-	5. Airdrie, - -	27,632 4 2	19,548 3 3	421 7 11	154 12 6	23 4 5
Thomas Tennent, -	6. Glasgow, L.W., -	21,734 0 3	—	147 11 9	26 9 5	25 1 3
Do., -	7. Do., M.W., -	30,794 14 4	64,181 12 9	256 14 9	47 6 8	71 7 6
Thomas Munro -	8. Railways, - -	22,383 14 10	22,383 14 10	...	...	.
Do., -	All Districts, -	—	47,252 4 3	...	...	...
		247,481 2 4	243,628 17 4	2,971 9 8	576 17 1	303 18 3

Reported by

PETER RINTOUL, C.A.,
County Auditor.

212 West George Street,
Glasgow, 21st April, 1913.

Highland and Agricultural Society's Show.—Statement of voluntary assessment collected.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that the County Council had approved of the recommendation of this committee to accede to the request of the Highland and Agricultural Society to levy a voluntary assessment with the object of assisting in meeting the expense of their show to be held this year at Paisley, and he submitted the following statement showing the results of the assessment imposed this year as compared with the last occasion (1896-97) upon which the assessment was levied. The Clerk was authorised to pay over the said sum of £383 1s. 0d. to the Highland and Agricultural Society, under deduction of the costs of collection, viz. :—

OWNER'S VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENT.

1912-13.

Amount imposed.	*Amount paid.*	*Percentage.*
£1,115 10 0	£383 1 0	34·35

1896-97.

£1,127 12 9	£683 15 10	60·63

Minutes and report of Sub-Committee on Remuneration of Collectors of County Rates.

There having been submitted the minutes of the meeting of the sub-committee appointed with reference to the remuneration of the collectors of county rates, of date 16th April (Appendix I.), together with the report of the sub-committee on the subject (Appendix II.), Mr. Neilson moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. Fraser.

Motion by Mr. Neilson.

Amendment by Mr. Lambie.

By way of amendment, Mr. Lambie moved that the Report be not approved, which was seconded by Mr. Dyer.

Amendment lost.

A vote having been taken by way of a show of hands as for and against the amendment, a majority voted against it, and the Chairman declared it to be lost.

Amendment by Mr. Watt.

Thereafter Mr. Watt moved, by way of amendment, that the remuneration of the collectors be increased by 25 per cent. on the amounts set forth in the report of the sub-committee, which was seconded by Mr. Gold.

Amendment lost.

A vote having been taken by way of a show of hands, as for and against the amendment, a majority voted against it, and the Chairman declared it to be lost.

Motion becomes finding of meeting.

There being no further amendments, the motion became the finding of the meeting, and the Chairman declared accordingly.

Glasgow Boundaries Act.—Compensation to Assessors under Registration of Voters' Acts.

The Clerk reported the position of the two Assessors whose emoluments under the Registration of Voters Acts had been affected by the Glasgow Boundaries Act. He reminded the meeting that the Assessors had made their own arrangements with Glasgow as to compensation, otherwise their claim would have been included in that made on behalf of the County. He stated that the Board of Inland Revenue had, for reasons of their own, intervened, and had allowed the Assessors to accept a sum which worked out at only one-third of the sum agreed to be paid by Glasgow. In view of the question of principle involved, the committee were of opinion that further steps should, if possible, be taken to protect the interests of the Assessors as County servants, and they accordingly agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Clerk to take such action as he might consider necessary.

Appointment of Probation Officers under Probation of Offenders Act, 1907.

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from the Sheriff-Clerk, Glasgow, of date 31st March, intimating that the Sheriff had made the following appointments of Probation Officers under the Probation of Offenders Act, 1907, for this County for the year from 1st April, 1913, to 31st March, 1914, viz. :—

1. James Ferguson, Parish Council Chambers, George Street, Glasgow.
2. George Gillie, do. do.
3. Robert S. Reid, do. do.
4. Walter Gillie, do. do.
5. Mrs. Sarah Brown, do. do.
6. Mrs. Janet Mann, do. do.
7. Mrs. Rebecca Robertson, do. do.
8. Miss Mary Elizabeth Cairns, do. do.
9. James M'Kay, 7 Carlton Place, S.S., Glasgow.
10. Sergeant Thomas C. Suffil, Cherat, Carluke.
11. Sergeant James Glen, Abbey Green, Lesmahagow.
12. John Brennan, 17 Beckford Street, Hamilton.
13. George Easton, Bar Officer, County Buildings, Airdrie.
14. Hugh Henderson, Cherry Ha, Cathcart.

NOTE.—Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive will act only in prosecutions at the instance of Glasgow Parish Council; No. 9 will act only in prosecutions at the instance of Govan Combination Parish Council; and No. 12 will act as an Honorary Probation Officer.

Children Act.—Case of Lizzie Anderson.

The Clerk reported the case of a girl, Lizzie Anderson, residing at New Logans Rows, Motherwell, who had been convicted of theft, and sent to a Reformatory. The meeting undertook, in terms of the Children Act, to become responsible for the offender's maintenance in the institution.

Children Act.—Case of David Grant

The Clerk submitted a letter from the Directors of Paisley Industrial School stating that the boy, David Grant, who belonged to the Parish of Bothwell and had been committed to the institution in 1908, had, with the permission of the Secretary for Scotland, been discharged from the institution in order to allow of his proceeding to Australia with his mother, and asking the Council to give a contribution towards the boy's outfit. The meeting agreed that the sum of £2 should be given.

Term payments—Remit to any two members to pass accounts, &c.

The meeting agreed to remit to any two members of the Committee to adjust the payments to the Sinking Fund for the current year, to examine and pass for payment, if found correct, all accounts and requisitions which it may be considered desirable should be paid before the closing of the accounts for the current year, and to sign cheques therefor and for all those necessary for cross entries required to close the accounts of the County Fund at 15th May next.

Application relative to borrowing.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting an application for the consent of the Committee to the borrowing of the sum of £110 for the laying of a fireclay pipe sewer in the bed of the burn alongside Drumcavil Road within the Chryston and Muirhead Special Drainage District in the District of the Lower Ward, and the meeting, having considered the application and the information submitted in relation thereto, agreed to recommend the borrowing of the sum specified, subject to the consent of the Standing Joint Committee being obtained, and the Clerk was instructed to submit the application to that Committee for their consent.

APPENDIX I.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE REGARDING REMUNERATION OF COLLECTORS OF COUNTY RATES.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 16th April, 1913, being a Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee of the County Council of Lanark, appointed with reference to the remuneration to be paid to the Collectors of County Rates for the current year. 16th April, 1913.

Present—

George Fraser.	Alexander Pillans.
William Neilson.	William Speirs.

Mr. Neilson, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the sub-committee, of date 26th March, which had been submitted to and approved of by the Finance Committee, were laid upon the table. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The meeting having further considered the remit, adjusted a Report for submission to the Finance Committee, and instructed the Clerk to send a copy of it to each member of the committee. *Report for submission to Finance Committee.*

APPENDIX II.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

REPORT BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER AS TO THE REMUNERATION TO BE PAID TO THE COLLECTORS OF COUNTY RATES FOR THE YEAR 1912-13.

Under remit from the Finance Committee of date 5th February, 1913, the Sub-Committee appointed to consider as to the remuneration to be paid to the Collectors of County Rates for the year 1912-13, beg to report as follows:—

The County Clerk submitted the tabular statements forming Appendices I. and II., for the information of the Committee.

The Sub-Committee, having carefully considered these statements, agreed in the first instance to recommend that the Collectors' outlays amounting in the aggregate to £100, forming item No. 5 of table I., should be paid by the County Council. The Committee also recommend that the Collectors guarantee premiums (item 6 of same table) amounting in the aggregate to £22 half of which had in the past been paid by the Collectors, be in future paid wholly by the County Council.

The Sub-Committee thereafter made full and careful investigation into the work falling to be performed by the Collectors in each District including the provision of local facilities for payment, the number of payments received both at the outdoor collections and in the Collectors' offices, and the amount thereof. The Sub-Committee at same time satisfied themselves as to the period over which the Collectors' duties extend, which does not now exceed two and a half months. Having all these considerations in view and on a comparison of the whole circumstances that have hitherto prevailed, and the material alteration that the new system, as a result of the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911, had brought about, the Committee recommend that, in addition to the outlays above referred to, there should be paid to the undernoted Collectors by way of remuneration, as follows:—

Mr. W. B. Pairman, Biggar, - - - - -	£25.
Mr. R. M'Cowan, Strathaven, - - - - -	£30.
Mr. A. W. Paterson, Lanark, - - - - -	£65.
Mr. Jas. A. Russell, Airdrie, - - - - -	£85.
Mr. W. D. Loudon, Hamilton, - - - - -	£145.
	——£350.

The Committee are of opinion that if regard be had to the altered circumstances above explained, which have resulted in a material modification in the work falling to be performed by the Collectors, and a substantial curtailment in the period over which their duties extend, the payments recommended compare favourably with the amounts paid to them in previous years. Indeed the Committee desire to state that the sums are somewhat in excess of what they would have recommended had they been fixing the remuneration for the first time. They have thought, however, that the County Council may desire to have some regard to the past emoluments of the respective offices.

The extent of the modification of the Collectors' work, has been, as is known, to relieve the Collectors of the responsibility and expense, including Clerical assistance, postages, cost of delivery etc., of the issue of the Demand Notes and Final Notices, and to devolve that duty together with the duty of attending to the whole of the correspondence hitherto conducted by the Collectors and the duty of replying to inquiries, which had been represented by them as involving much trouble, upon the County Clerk. It had also been suggested that, under the new system, ratepayers desiring information might suffer inconvenience consequent upon the Assessment Rolls requiring to lie in the County Clerk's office and not

therefore being available at the local Collection Offices. As an evidence, however, of the smooth working of the new arrangements, it may be mentioned that the number of personal inquiries made of the Collectors and transmitted to the County Clerk on special forms supplied by the County Clerk did not exceed 20, and that in almost every case the request was simply for a copy of a Demand Note which had been lost. The Collectors' responsibilities were limited to the taking of the money tendered to them, and to the passing on of the sums to the County Clerk, along with the relative Demand Notes and a detailed list of payments. It may be here recalled that the ratepayers had the opportunity of making payment at any of the seven Collection Offices most convenient to them. The Sub-Commitee have reason to believe that this has been much appreciated by the substantial body of ratepayers who took advantage of the privilege. The total number of payments by these ratepayers exceeded 6,000.

The Sub-Committee desire to refer to the case of Mr Tennent, the Collector at Glasgow. Mr Tennent's case has always been considered as special in respect that he held office at the passing of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, and would have had a claim for compensation at that time had occasion arisen. In addition, it is known to the Finance Committee, that Mr Tennent has hitherto devoted practically the whole of his time to the collection of rates, and the recovery of the arrears, the combined duties keeping him and his staff fully employed all the year round. It is true that Mr Tennent's District has been very much reduced by the passing of the Glasgow Boundaries Act of last session, but against this it is to be noted that the outstanding feature of the new system of collection, is the advantage that has been taken by ratepayers in all parts of the County to make payment at the Glasgow Office. The Committee feel that this year's experience has shown the necessity for continuing an office in Glasgow. No less a sum than £18,857, made up of 2,200 separate payments was received at the Glasgow Office from ratepayers outwith the Glasgow Collection District. The sum in question represents 29 per cent. of the total amount collected in Glasgow, and 26 per cent. of the number of payments made there.

The sub-Committee accordingly recommend that the special circumstances be met by the County Council taking over the Glasgow Office, and that Mr. Tennent's services be retained there, at an inclusive salary of £500 per annum (which is a considerable reduction in the emoluments hitherto received by him), the salary to cover all the work hitherto performed by Mr. Tennent, it being a condition that he will assist the County Clerk generally, and take up any new duties that may be assigned to him.

On the question of the expenses of the collection, the Sub-Committee have pleasure in reporting that the cost has been well within the amount estimated by the County Clerk. As is obvious, that cost would have been still further substantially reduced if the system of collection had been modified to the full extent originally suggested. In this connection the sub-committee desire to take the opportunity of stating that they are satisfied that the facts and figures submitted to them by the County Clerk in previous remits connected with the question of the collection of rates have been proved by experience to be incontrovertible.

If the Sub-Committee's recommendations are agreed to the statement forming Appendix III. will show the cost of the collection, and the saving, under the new system as compared with what would have been paid had there been no change in the collection arrangements. It will be observed that the saving to the County Council is brought out at £1,095, a figure which the sub-committee think the Finance Committee will consider eminently satisfactory in view of the efficient manner in which the collection has been conducted, and the trouble involved in bringing into operation the new and complicated system introduced by the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911.

WM. NEILSON,
Chairman.

16th April, 1913.

APPENDIX I.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

RATES, 1912-13.

PARTICULARS TO ENABLE FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF COLLECTORS' REMUNERATION.

	Mr. M'Cowan.		Mr. Pairman.		Mr. Paterson.		Mr. Russell.		Mr. Loudon.		Mr. Tennent.		County Clerk.	Total.	
	1911-12.	1912-13.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1911-12	1912-13.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1912-13.	1911-12.	1912-13.
1. Collected in Office.—															
Number of payments, ...	2,640	1,945	2,141	1,586	3,162	2,434	4,790	3,427	15,785	7,303	24,500	*8,312	8,883	53,018	33,890
Amount, ...	...	£5,863	...	£4,195	...	£9,968	...	£17,022	...	£51,586	...	*£60,297	£47,309	...	£196,240
2. Collected at Local Collections.—															
Number of payments, ...	615	527	800	591	2,846	2,016	1,856	1,433	12,213	5,018	16,500	*1.296	133	34,830	11,014
Amount, ...	...	£893	...	£950	...	£3,200	...	£2,545	...	£13,718	...	*£3,999	£33	...	£25,338
3. Collected in Office and at Local Collections.—															
Number of payments, ...	3,255	2,472	2,941	2,177	6,008	4,450	6,646	4,860	27,998	12,321	41,000	*9.608	9,016	87,848	44,904
Amount, ...	£9,023	£6,756	£10,012	£5,145	£18,733	£13,168	£22,573	£13,567	£88,656	£65,304	£68,183	*£64,296	£47,342	£217,180	£221,578
							Note.—In addition, the County Clerk collected £22,384 from Railway Companies, &c.								
4. Number of days occupied by Outdoor Collections, 1912-13, ...	...	5	...	4	...	7	...	7	...	23	...	11	1	...	58
5. Collectors' Disbursements, 1912-13, (Note.—No allowance is made for clerical assistance.)	...	£9	...	£6	...	£12	...	£10	...	£31	...	£32	£1	...	£101
6. Amount of Collector's Guarantee Premiums, ...	...	£1	...	£1	..	£2	...	£3	...	£8	...	£7	...	...	£22
7. Commission paid, 1911-12, ...	...	£101	...	£113	...	£211	...	£254	...	£665	...	£1,022	...	...	£2,366
8. Collectors' Disbursements, 1908-9, as per their own Returns, ...	...	£49	..	£45	...	£85	...	£123	...	£398	..	£580	...	...	£1,280
9. Balance, being Collectors' estimated personal remuneration, 1911-12,	...	£52	...	£68	...	£126	...	£131	...	£267	...	‡£442	...	...	£1,086†
10. Percentage of Decrease, 1912-13.—															
In number of payments, ...	...	24	...	26	...	26	...	27	...	56	...	78	...	...	...
In aggregate amount of payments,	...	25	...	49	...	30	...	14	...	26	...	8	...	...	...

* Decrease in Mr. Tennent's collection is consequent upon annexation of County territory to City of Glasgow.

† The above total sum of £1,086 (No. 9) is the amount that the Sub-Committee originally estimated would be saved if whole collection placed in hands of County Clerk.

‡ Mr Tennent was also Collector of Arrears in his District, for which he received additional remuneration.

As at Close of Collection, 1913.

APPENDIX II.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

RATES, 1912-13.

ABSTRACT OF NUMBER OF PAYMENTS COLLECTED AND OF TOTAL AMOUNTS COLLECTED.

		Over the Counter.	By Post.	At Outdoor Collections.	Total.
Mr. M'Cowan,	Number of payments collected, ...	1,775	170	527	2,472
	Total amount collected, ...	£5,376	£488	£892	£6,756
	Percentage of number of payments collected,	72	7	21	100
	Percentage of aggregate amounts collected, ...	79	8	13	100
Mr. Pairman,	Number of payments collected, ...	1,256	330	591	2,177
	Total amount collected, ...	£1,523	£2,672	£950	£5,145
	Percentage of number of payments collected,	58	15	27	100
	Percentage of aggregate amounts collected, ...	30	51	19	100
Mr. Paterson,	Number of payments collected, ...	1,661	773	2,016	4,450
	Total amount collected, ...	£6,689	£3,279	£3,200	£13,168
	Percentage of number of payments collected,	38	17	45	100
	Percentage of aggregate amounts collected, ...	51	25	24	100
Mr. Russell,	Number of payments collected, ...	2,513	914	1,433	4,860
	Total amount collected, ...	£11,219	£5,803	£2,545	£19,567
	Percentage of number of payments collected,	51	19	30	100
	Percentage of aggregate amounts collected, ...	57	30	13	100
Mr. Loudon,	Number of payments collected, ...	5,860	1,443	5,018	12,321
	Total amount collected.	£29,783	£21,803	£13,718	£65,304
	Percentage of number of payments collected,	47	12	41	100
	Percentage of aggregate amounts collected, ...	45	34	21	100
Mr. Tennent,	Number of payments collected, ...	7,442	870	1,296	9,608
	Total amount collected, ...	£50,805	£9,492	£3,999	£64,296
	Percentage of number of payments collected,	77	9	14	100
	Percentage of aggregate amounts collected, ...	79	15	6	100
County Clerk,	Number of payments collected, ...	3,254	5,629	133	9,016
	Total amount collected, ...	£18,368	£28,941	£33	£47,342
	Percentage of number of payments collected,	36	62	2	100
	Percentage of aggregate amounts collected, ...	39	61	...	100
	Note.—In addition the County Clerk collected £22,384 from Railway Companies, &c.				
Total,	Number of payments collected.	23,761	10,129	11,014	44,904
	Total amount collected, ...	£123,763	£72,478	£25,337	£221,578
	Percentage of number of payments collected,	53	22	25	100
	Percentage of aggregate amounts collected, ...	55	33	12	100

APPENDIX III.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

RATES.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON COLLECTORS' REMUNERATION.

STATEMENT OF COST of Collection of Rates including (as estimated) cost of collection of Arrears for 1912-13 under new system of collection, as compared with what would have been the cost had there been no change in the system.

COLLECTION OF RATES.

Disbursements by County Clerk.				
Clerical assistance, ...	£445 9 2			
Postages and Receipt Stamps and Messengers delivering Notices, ...	93 7 10			
Hire of Hall and incidental expenses connected with outdoor collection,	0 17 2			
Guarantee Premium—County Clerk's staff, ...	33 15 0			
Do. Collectors, ...	22 13 0			
Other expenditure, ...	12 17 0			
				£608 19 2
Disbursed by Collectors—Other than Glasgow Collector (Mr Tennent).				
Postage and Receipt Stamps; Hire of Halls and incidental expenses connected with outdoor collections, ...				68 0 0
Disbursed by Glasgow Collector (Mr Tennent).				
Clerical assistance, including Sheriff Officer's salary, ...	199 0 0			
Postage and Receipt Stamps; Hire of Halls and incidental expenses in connection with outdoor collections, ...				32 0 0
Office rent, rates, taxes, lighting, and cleaning, ...	58 18 0			
Other outlays, ...	6 6 0			
	£264 4 0			
Of which Charge to collection of Arrears of Rates, ... £82 12 0				
And to Expenses making up Assessment Roll, ... 30 0 0				
	112 12 0			
				151 12 0
Remuneration of Collectors.				
Mr Pairman, Biggar, ...	£25 0 0			
Mr M'Cowan, Strathaven, ...	30 0 0			
Mr Paterson, Lanark, ...	65 0 0			
Mr Russell, Airdrie, ...	85 0 0			
Mr Loudon, Hamilton, ...	145 0 0			
Mr Tennent, Glasgow, ...	500 0 0			
	£850 0 0			
Of which Charge half of Mr. Tennent's remuneration to collection of arrears of rates	250 0 0			
				600 0 0
COLLECTION OF ARREARS OF RATES (AS ESTIMATED).				
Mr. Tennent's remuneration—proportion as above, ...	£250 0 0			
Do. disbursements— do., ...	82 12 0			
Clerical assistance—County Clerk's Department, ...	140 0 0			
Other disbursements, ...	37 16 10			
		£510	8 10	
Deduct costs recovered from defaulters, ...		250	0 0	
				260 8 10
Total actual cost of collection of rates and of estimated cost of collection of arrears under new system, ...				...£1,721 0 0
Inclusive commission that would have been paid to Collectors had there been no change in system of collection, ...	2,306 0 0			
*Inclusive commission (estimated) that would have been paid for collecting arrears of assessment had there been no change in system of collection, ...	510 0 0			
				2,816 0 0
Net saving under new system,				£1,095 0 0

Note.—The amount of Commission paid for the collection of arrears of 1911-12 was £1,105. The reduced figure of £510 for 1912-13 is consequent upon the passing of the House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911, under which the owner is made responsible for the occupier's rates on Small Dwelling-houses, the amount of arrears being thus substantially reduced.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

JOINT MEETING *RE* AIRDRIE COURT HOUSES.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 22nd January, 1913, being a joint-meeting of representatives of the Airdrie Court House Commissioners and of the Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee appointed in connection with the matter. 22nd January, 1913.

Present—

As representing the County Council—

Colonel Buchanan. | William Neilson.
Thomas Watt.

As representing the Airdrie Court House Commissioners—

Sheriff Lee. | Dugald Rankine.
Provost Orr. | David Thomson.
with Mr. J. Dunn Russell, Clerk to the Commissioners.

Sheriff Lee was called to the chair. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the County Clerk reminded the meeting that the Airdrie Court House Commissioners had some time ago decided that it was necessary to carry out certain improvements on the Court House Buildings, including the erection of an addition to these. Doubt had been expressed as to the powers of the Commissioners to erect additional buildings, and the Scottish Office had been consulted in the matter. The view of the Scottish Office was that the Commissioners' powers were restricted to dealing with the existing buildings, and it had then been suggested that to get over the difficulty the County Council should be asked to erect the addition. *Alterations of, and additions to, Airdrie Court House Buildings*

The position of matters had been placed before the Finance Committee of the County Council at their meeting on 6th November last, when the Committee had agreed without prejudice to any legal position which they might ultimately find themselves obliged to take, to recommend that the County Council should become responsible for the proposed addition, and that for the sake of convenience the Council's powers in the matter be remitted to a Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee, who could, if necessary, act as the Council's *quota* of a Joint-Committee of the County Council and of the Court House Commissioners. *Appointment of sub-committee by Finance Committee, to confer with Court House Commissioners.*

The following Sub-Committee had been appointed by the Finance Committee to confer with the Airdrie Court House Commissioners with a view to formulating proposals, viz. :—

Colonel Buchanan. William Neilson.
Thomas G. Cowan. Thomas Watt.

The present meeting was the outcome of this decision.

Approval of plans by Secretary for Scotland.

The County Clerk further reported that the Secretary for Scotland had indicated that he would generally approve of the scheme and sanction a grant by the Treasury towards the expense of carrying out the work. The plans had also been submitted to the Architect of the Board of Works, who had suggested certain modifications thereon, which the Court House Commissioners considered were improvements. These modifications would not materially affect the cost of the scheme, which was estimated at about £3,500.

Cost of alterations and addition.

The County Clerk stated that the procedure which he now proposed to follow was to transmit the plans to the Secretary for Scotland and obtain his formal approval to the County Council carrying out the work at the estimated cost of £3,500, and also to suggest that a moiety of this amount be borne by the Treasury. The meeting approved.

Appointment of Architects.

It was agreed that Messrs. James Thomson & Sons, Architects, Airdrie, who had prepared the sketch plans, should be employed to carry out the work at a fee of 5 per cent. to cover their whole duties as architects and measurers, and the County Clerk was authorised to communicate with them on the matter.

Appointment of Master of Works.

It was also agreed that Mr. David Taylor, Airdrie, should be appointed Inspector of Works, on the footing that he would devote half his time to his duties, and be paid at the rate of £1 5s. per week.

Architects to prepare schedules and invite offers.

The County Clerk was also instructed to request Messrs. James Thomson & Sons to prepare schedules and invite offers for submission to the Joint-Committee at their next meeting.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 5th February, 1913, being a Meeting of the Executive Committee as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the County of Lanark. 5th February, 1913.

Present—

William Barr.
James Cameron.
Thomas G. Cowan.
Samuel Forrest.
Alexander Hamilton.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O.
John M. Loudon.
D. Kinloch Michie.
James C. Pollok.
Colonel King Stewart.
William Sym.
William Templeton.

Attending—

Hugh Begg, F.R.C.V.S., County Veterinary Inspector.

Mr. Templeton, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 15th January, 1913, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Chairman having, on behalf of the Members of the Committee, taken the opportunity of congratulating Mr. Thomas G. Cowan on his recent promotion in his profession, and expressing their good wishes for the future, Mr. Cowan acknowledged the compliment. *Reference to Mr. Thomas G. Cowan.*

There was laid before the meeting the Animals (Landing from Ireland) Order of 1913, in explanation of which the Clerk stated as follows, viz. :— *Animals (Landing from Ireland) Order, 1913.*

This Order revokes all previous Orders relating to the landing of animals from Ireland. It specifies the port in Ireland from which animals may be brought to a landing place in Great Britain, and provides that the animals on landing shall be driven to a reception lair approved by an Inspector of the Board, and shall be there detained and inspected by an Inspector of the Board.

The movement of the animals is not permitted until the whole cargo has been examined by an Inspector of the Board, and until the expiration of twelve hours after the landing of the last animal of the cargo.

There is no provision for detention on the premises to which the animals are moved, and no licences are now required.

One effect of the Order is, that cattle from Ireland may now be exposed at auction marts.

The Order came into operation on 30th January, 1913.

Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order, 1907.—Notifications.

The Clerk reported that since the date of last meeting 17 cases had been notified under the Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order of 1907, and that one of these had been certified to be anthrax, the particulars of that case being as follows:—

Anthrax.

Ruchazie Farm, Shettleston (*Robert Buchanan*).—The animal affected was a 7 months old quey which had been born on the premises, and died on 26th January after a short illness. The feeding consisted of linseed cake and oatmeal. There remained on the premises 14 cattle and 7 horses. It is suspected that the feeding stuff was the cause of the outbreak.

The Clerk stated that in the above case the diagnosis of the County Veterinary Inspector had been confirmed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries; that the carcase had been destroyed, and that the usual precautionary measures had been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Glanders.

The Clerk reported that an outbreak of glanders had, since last meeting, occurred at—

Thankerton Colliery, Holytown (*John M'Andrew & Co., Ltd.*)—The animal affected was a roan pony which had been recently purchased by the Company from a dealer in Glasgow. The animal was kept as a spare pony, but was shortly to be put in harness and taken down the pit. Mr. Baxter, V.S., Bellshill, who examined the animal, applied the mallein test, with a positive result. The County Veterinary Inspector had been informed of the case, and he proposed to apply the mallein test on an early date.

Suspected case of glanders.

The Clerk also reported that a suspeeted case of glanders had occurred at—

Douglas Colliery, Ponfeigh (*Coltness Iron Company*), but that a microscopical examination had proved negative.

Parasitic mange.

There was submitted a report by the Veterinary Inspector of a case of parasitic mange in stables at Mollinsburn, the animal affected being an aged black Welsh pony belonging to David Steel, The Veterinary Inspector stated that the usual precautions had been taken for treating the animal, and for preventing the spread of the disease.

He also stated that the restrictions in the case at Ladysmith Street, Craigneuk (Richard M'Laren), reported to last meeting, had been withdrawn.

Swine Fever.—Premises declared infected place.

The Clerk stated that the following premises had, since the date of last meeting, been defined as a swine fever infected place under the Swine Fever Order, viz.:—

266½ Glasgow Road, Wishaw (James Lochrie),

but that the Board had since withdrawn the restrictions in this case, and also in the following cases previously reported, viz.:—

Birkenhead, Carluke (James Wilson),
Kingsonsknowe, Lanark (William Mullen) two cases,
Sornfallow, Wiston (William Plenderleith),
Crawfordjohn Mill (James Thomson),
Balgray, Crawfordjohn (James Callan),
Kirkhall, Morningside (John Wilson),
Overton, Hallside (John Smith),
John Street, Lambhill (William Connor),
Auldton, Lesmahagow (Gavin Hamilton),
Milligan Syke Farm, Newarthill (Richard M'Laren),
Jerviswood Farm, Lanark (James M'Kechnie).
Rogerfield, Easterhouse, Baillieston (Andrew Symon).

Contravention.—Result of proceedings.

Under reference to the minute of last meeting, the Clerk intimated the result of proceedings which had been taken against—

Murdoch M'Callum, Wester Barnego, Denny, for a contravention of the Sheep Dipping (Scotland and North of England) Order of 1907. The accused pled guilty, and was fined 20s. with the alternative of ten days' imprisonment. The fine was paid.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 5th March, 1913, being a meeting of the Executive Committee of the County Council of Lanark as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts. 5th March, 1913.

Present—

William Barr.	William Love.
James Cameron.	William Neilson.
Thomas G. Cowan.	James C. Pollok.
Samuel Forrest.	James Prentice.
Alexander Hamilton.	Colonel King Stewart.
John M. Loudon.	William Sym.

William Templeton.

Attending—

Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.
Hugh Begg, F.R.C.V.S., County Veterinary Inspector.

Mr. Templeton, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 5th February, 1913, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The clerk submitted to the meeting a circular letter from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, of date 17th February, transmitting copies of the Tuberculosis Order of 1913, which the board had made, and which would come into operation on 1st May next. *Tuberculosis Order, 1913.—Communication from Board of Agriculture.*

As relative thereto, the Clerk submitted notes (Appendix) prepared by him on the subject of the Order, a print of which had been sent to each member of the committee. *Notes by Clerk.*

The Clerk submitted a communication from the Town-Clerk of Glasgow, which was in the following terms, viz. :— *Circular letter from Town-Clerk of Glasgow.*

"City Chambers,
"Glasgow, 26th February, 1913.

"Dear Sir,

"Diseases of Animals Acts.
"Tuberculosis Order of 1913.

"In view of the heavy financial burden which would be thrown on Local Authorities were the above Order to come into operation without some modification being made thereon, I am directed by the Executive Committee of the Corporation of Glasgow, under the above Acts, to enquire whether your Local Authority would agree to confer with them so that joint action may be taken in order—

"(1) to ask the Board of Agriculture to relieve the Local Authorities from liability for any part of the compensation payable for animals slaughtered under the Order, and to urge that the compensation should be met out of Imperial funds; or

"(2) to obtain (failing the compensation being payable by the Government), the amending of Article 11 of the Order so that where an animal in a market is discovered to be suffering from tuberculosis, within the meaning of the Order, the Inspector of the Local Authority shall require the animal to be removed to the district from which it had been brought; or, if the animal is slaughtered by the Local Authority in whose district the market is situated, that the Local Authority of the district from which it came shall be obliged to refund to the first-mentioned Local Authority the compensation and expense in connection with its slaughter.

"The Order does not apply to Ireland, and consequently it would appear that the Scottish Local Authorities would under Article 11, if its provisions are carried out, have to pay compensation for every Irish animal found in a market in Scotland to be affected with tuberculosis.

"I have addressed a copy of this communication to each of the Local Authorities in Scotland under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

"I am, &c.,

(Signed) "J. Lindsay."

Appointment of representatives to attend Conference.

The meeting, without committing themselves to any specific amendment, and on the assumption that the whole of the provisions of the Order would be brought under the consideration of any Conference of Local Authorities that might be held, appointed the following representatives to attend the proposed Conference, viz. :—the Chairman, Colonel King Stewart, Provost Forrest, along with the Clerk and the County Veterinary Inspector.

Points of difficulty.—Clerk instructed to communicate with Board of Agriculture.

The Clerk having referred to certain points in the Order regarding which amendments might be desirable, he was instructed to communicate with the Board of Agriculture thereanent, and to report further to the committee.

Importation (Sheep from Scotland) Order of 1913.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the Importation (Sheep from Scotland) Order of 1913, made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, and he stated shortly the effect of its provisions.

Crown animals affected with disease.—Communication from Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The Clerk submitted and read to the meeting a circular letter, of date 24th February last, which he had received from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries with respect to the steps to be taken in the case of Crown animals becoming affected with any of the diseases dealt with by Orders made under the Diseases of Animals Acts. The meeting agreed to accede to the request of the Board that the Local Authority should co-operate with them in dealing with disease occurring in Crown animals.

Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order, 1907.—Notifications.

The Clerk reported that thirteen cases had been notified under the Diseases of Animals (Lanarkshire) Order, 1907, and that no case of Anthrax had been reported since the date of last meeting.

The Clerk stated that since the date of last meeting the restrictions had been withdrawn in the case of Ruchazie Farm, Shettleston (Robert Buchanan).

Glanders—Case at Thankerton Colliery, Holytown.

The Clerk reported that a Russian pony belonging to John Macandrew & Company, Thankerton Colliery, Holytown, had been found to be affected with Glanders and that the animal having reacted to the mallein test it was, with the consent of the owners, slaughtered. On post mortem examination the animal was found to have beeen affectd with disease, and consequently half of the amount of the agreed upon value of the animal, viz., £14, was due by way of compensation, and this sum the meeting authorised the Clerk to pay.

The Clerk reported that the restrictions had since been withdrawn.

Parasitic Mange.—Withdrawal of restrictions.

He also stated that the restrictions had also been withdrawn in the case of the premises at Mollinsburn (David Steel), where a case of parasitic mange had occurred.

Swine Fever.—Premises declared infected places.

The Clerk stated that the following premises had, since the date of last meeting, been defined as a swine fever infected place, under the Swine Fever Order, viz. :—

Langside, Kirkfieldbank (John Retson),

but that the Board had since withdrawn the restrictions in this case and also in the following case previously reported, viz. :—

Townhead, Stonehouse (Henry Bambrick.)

Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement-Order—alleged contravention.

There was submitted to the meeting police information against Hugh Devlin, Duncan's Land, Auchintibber, High Blantyre, for an alleged contravention of the Swine Fever (Regulation of Movement) Order.

The circumstances of the case having been explained by the Clerk, the meeting agreed not to institute proceedings, but instructed the Clerk to communicate with the accused, warning him against any repetition of the offence alleged against him.

Wart Disease in Potatoes.—Communication from County Clerk of Fife.

Agreed to take no action.

There was laid before the meeting a communication, of date 19th February last, which had been received from the County Clerk of Fife, with reference to wart disease in potatoes, and requesting this County Council to co-operate with them in making representation to the Board of Agriculture on the subject.

As relative thereto, the Clerk reported that he had made inquiry as to the prevalence of the disease in this county, and he stated that it appeared from the information received that no case of the disease had so far been detected in Lanarkshire.

The meeting, in the circumstances, agreed to take no action in the matter.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

NOTES ON THE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER OF 1913.

This Order follows generally the Order of 1909 which the Board of Agriculture intended originally should come into operation on 1st January, 1910. That date was subsequently altered, by Order, to 1st April, 1910, but ultimately the Board revoked the Order.

It is believed that one of the reasons for the withdrawal of the Order of 1909 was because of the strong opposition of the Local Authorities to the proposal that they should bear the whole of the compensation payable in respect of animals slaughtered. It is now proposed that the Board should refund to the Local Authorities from monies provided by Parliament one-half of the net amount payable by way of compensation for slaughtered animals during the period of five years from the coming into operation of the Order.

The Government have apparently carefully considered the amount of relief which they will afford to Local Authorities, and in the circular which accompanied the Order the Board of Agriculture point out that the Local Authorities "will thus receive substantial pecuniary relief during the initial stages of the operations now to be undertaken, during which the expenditure involved in the administration of the Order may be expected to be abnormally high."

Contemporaneously with the issue of the Order of 1909, there was introduced, on behalf of the Government, a Milk and Dairies Bill, which was of the nature of a consolidating Bill, but it contained new and important provisions, one of which made it obligatory upon Local Authorities (that is, Public Health Authorities) to cause a veterinary examination to be made of all dairy herds within their respective districts, at least once every year. The revocation of the Order of 1909 was mainly attributed to the fact of the withdrawal of the Milk and Dairies Bill.

It was then generally understood that the Milk and Dairies Bill and the Tuberculosis Order were parts of the one policy, as their provisions appeared to be framed with a view to co-operation between the Public Health Authorities and the Local Authorities under the Diseases of Animals Acts. The need for such co-operation was fully recognised by the County Council of this County and the District Committees, when they appointed a whole-time Veterinary Inspector, and in this connection there are appended to these Notes an extract from Notes submitted to the Executive Committee at their meeting on 8th December, 1909.

It may be assumed from promises made in Parliament that the Government intend to re-introduce a Bill containing provisions similar to those of the Bill of 1909, but it is apparent that the absence of any statutory obligation upon Public Health Authorities to make systematic inspection of dairy herds must militate against the effective operation of the Order throughout Scotland.

This aspect of the question is an important one to this County, in view of the fact that the District Committees—although under no statutory obligation to do so—have for many years, under the powers conferred upon them by the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, and the Dairies, Cowsheds, and

Milkshops Orders of 1885 and 1889, carried out systematic inspection of dairy herds. Consequently it may be expected that the number of cases of Tuberculosis which will fall to be dealt with by the Local Authorities of this County will be proportionately greater than in Counties where no such systematic inspections are made.

The provisions of the Order, however, will no doubt strengthen the hands of the Public Health Authorities, who have in the past been reluctant to exercise to the full extent the optional powers which they possess in this matter, as the fear of inflicting pecuniary hardship upon owners of animals suspected of being affected with disease is now obviated by the provision of payment of compensation.

The aim of the Order being to secure the destruction of every cow found to be suffering from tuberculosis of the udder or to be giving tuberculous milk, as well as of bovine animals which are suffering from tuberculosis with emaciation, it cannot be doubted that the attainment of this object will result not only in an improvement of the health of the stock, but also in the lessening of the risk of tuberculosis amongst the community.

There is also appended to these Notes a copy of a communication from the Veterinary Inspector, containing his observations on certain provisions of the Order, and an estimate of the number of bovine animals in the County.

PROVISIONS OF THE ORDER.

Article II. Every owner or person in charge of—

(1) Any cow which is or appears to be suffering from tuberculosis of the udder, indurated udder, or other chronic disease of the udder, or

(2) Any bovine animal which is or appears to be suffering from tuberculosis with emaciation,

shall, without delay, report the fact to the Local Authority, who shall intimate to the Public Health Authority.

Article IX. Such person is also required forthwith—

(1) To see that the milk produced by any cow which is or appears to be suffering from chronic disease of the udder, or tuberculosis with emaciation, shall not be mixed with other milk until the cow has been examined by the Veterinary Inspector, and until he has been notified by the Local Authority that such precautions need not be taken, and

(2) To keep the animal isolated as far as practicable from other bovine animals, and also to keep the animal in his possession until it has been examined by the Veterinary Inspector and until he has been notified that the provisions of this Article have ceased to apply to the animal in question. The owner may, however, at any time slaughter the animal.

With a view to ensuring that these precautions shall be complied with, written notice may be served by the Local Authority on the owner or person in charge.

It will be observed that the requirement to notify includes not only cases of tuberculosis of the udder and tuberculosis from emaciation, but also indurated udder or other chronic disease of the udder.

Article III. A veterinary surgeon or practitioner is required to notify an Inspector of the Local Authority of the existence or suspected existence of disease in any of the forms above referred to which may come under his notice in the course of his practice, and for every such notification he is to be allowed a fee of 2s. 6d. Failure to give notification in such cases is an offence against the Act of 1894.

Article IV. Whenever the Local Authority have reasonable ground for supposing that in any premises within their district there is a cow suffering from the disease in any of the forms indicated, they are required to cause a Veterinary Inspector to make an examination, and for this purpose the Veterinary Inspector may, with the previous consent, in writing, of the owner of the animal, or of his agent, but not otherwise, apply the tuberculin test.

The Veterinary Inspector is required to notify to the Sanitary Authority, as well as to the Local Authority, the result of the examination.

Article V. Where the Local Authority are satisfied, on a report of their Veterinary Inspector, that there is a cow suffering from tuberculosis in any of the forms stated, notice of the fact is required to be sent to the owner and also to the Board of Agriculture. The animal in question shall be slaughtered by the Local Authority unless the owner objects, in which case the slaughter can only take place by the authority of the Board.

No animal valued at more than £30 can be slaughtered, unless with the sanction of the Board, and in no case can such animal be slaughtered unless with the consent of the owner, but in such event it is required that the animal shall be detained and isolated, and that the milk (if any) is dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Order.

Article VI. Before any animal is slaughtered an agreement in writing shall be come to between the Local Authority and the owner as to the value of the animal. Failing such an agreement, the value is to be ascertained by a valuer appointed by them, or on the application of the Local Authority by the Board. The valuer's fee is to be paid by the Local Authority.

In ascertaining the value, it is required that the valuer shall have regard to any Act or Order or Regulation dealing with the sale or use of milk, milk products, or carcases for human food.

It is also provided that the value shall be ascertained both on the basis of the certificate of examination showing that the animal was suffering from tuberculosis, and also on the basis that the animal was not so suffering. The amount to be paid by way of compensation shall depend on such certificate accordingly.

Article VII. The *post-mortem* examination shall be made by the Veterinary Inspector, or, if so required by the owner, by some other veterinary surgeon who, failing agreement, shall be nominated by the Board but paid by the Local Authority.

Article VIII. In the event of the Local Authority failing to make a *post-mortem* examination, or if the result of such examination shows that the animal was not suffering from tuberculosis, the compensation payable will be equal to the value of the animal, as agreed, and a further sum of 20s.

If the certificate shows that the animal was suffering from tuberculosis (not being advanced tuberculosis) the compensation shall be equal to three-fourths of the value as agreed, after deducting one-half of the cost of valuation in cases where the valuer has been appointed by the Board, or where the valuer is a veterinary surgeon other than the Veterinary Inspector.

If the animal is certified to have been suffering from advanced tuberculosis, the compensation is to be one-fourth of the value as agreed upon, or the sum of 30s., whichever is greater in amount after deducting one-half of the cost after valuation and examination as in the preceding case.

Advanced tuberculosis is defined as meaning—

(*a*) When there is miliary tuberculosis of both lungs;
(*b*) When tuberculous lesions are present on the pleura and peritoneum;
(*c*) When tuberculous lesions are present in the muscular system, or in the lymphatic glands embedded in or between the muscles;
or
(*d*) When the carcase is emaciated, and tuberculous lesions are present.

Article XI. In cases where it appears to the Veterinary Inspector that a bovine animal exposed at any market, fair ground, or sale yard, appears to him to be suffering from tuberculosis in any of the forms above referred to, he may require the animal to be moved to the premises from which it was brought, or if the owner so desires, to any other suitable premises, for the purpose of examination. In the event of the premises to which the animal is moved being situated in the district of another Local Authority, notice of the fact is required to be sent to that Local Authority.

Article XII. The occupier of any premises on which there has been a cow suffering from tuberculosis may be required, at the instance of the Local Authority, to cleanse and disinfect, at his own expense, and to their satisfaction, that part of the premises in which the animal has been recently placed or kept.

Article XIV. By this Article, Sections 19 and 20 (Slaughter in disease and compensation generally), Section 43 (Police), and Section 44 (General Administrative Provisions), of the Act of 1894 are incorporated.

It is perhaps unnecessary to detail the provisions of these sections, but reference may be made to Section 20, which enables a Local Authority to dispose of the carcase of an animal slaughtered by burial, sale, or otherwise, according to the condition of the carcase, and in the event of the carcase or any part of it being sold, the money so received is required to be credited to the County Fund.

Power is conferred upon the Local Authority to use, for the purpose of burial, any piece of ground in the possession of the owner of the animal which may be suitable for the purpose.

If the animal slaughtered by the Local Authority has been insured by the owner, the amount of compensation awarded to him may be deducted by the Insurance Company from the amount payable under the policy.

Power is also given to the Local Authority to withhold compensation in a case where the owner has been guilty, in relation to the animal in question, of an offence against the Act, or where the animal, being a foreign animal, was in their judgment diseased at the time of its landing. As the expression "foreign," as applied to animals, means any animal brought to the United Kingdom from a country out of the United Kingdom, this would not include animals from Ireland.

T. M.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 3rd March, 1913.

APPENDIX I.

EXTRACT FROM NOTES ON THE VARIOUS ACTS AND ORDERS, UNDER WHICH VETERINARY INSPECTION REQUIRES TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES, SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON 8TH DECEMBER, 1909.

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With regard to prospective legislation involving veterinary inspection, reference may be made to—

THE MILK AND DAIRIES (SCOTLAND) BILL, 1909, and
THE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1909.

In the beginning of the present session of Parliament there was introduced the Milk and Dairies (Scotland) Bill, which provided for the inspection by a Veterinary Surgeon of dairy herds at least once in every year with a view to the detection of tuberculosis and other diseases.

The Bill, in short, proposed to give legislative effect to the measures which each of the District Committees of this County have for several years voluntarily undertaken and carried out, and to make it compulsory on the Local Authorities to appoint a Veterinary Inspector, who, in a County the size of Lanarkshire, would doubtless require to be a whole time officer.

Simultaneously with the introduction of this Bill there was issued by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries the Tuberculosis Order of 1909, which, in effect, provided that tuberculosis of the udder and emaciation from tuberculosis should be brought under the provisions of the Diseases of Animals Acts.

The Bill and Order were looked upon as parts of one policy, and as the former, owing to opposition, was not proceeded with, the original date fixed for the Order coming into operation has been postponed until 1st April, and there is a probability that, failing early legislation on the lines of the Bill, the date of the commencement of the Order will be further postponed.

Under the Bill it fell to District Committees as the Local Authorities under the Public Health Act to arrange for the veterinary inspection of dairy herds, while under the Order it fell to the County Council or its Executive Committee as the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts to cause veterinary inspection to be made in cases of tuberculosis or suspected tuberculosis notified to them.

The veterinary work to be performed under the Bill and Order seemed to be co-related in such a manner as to call for the appointment by the County Council and the District Committees of the same Veterinary Inspector or Inspectors in order to ensure efficiency and prevent overlapping.

This view was taken both by the County Clerk and the County Medical Officer, as set forth in the Notes prepared by them on the Bill and Order, which was submitted as an appendix to the minutes of the Joint Sub-Committee appointed in connection with the Bill and Order to the County Council at their Statutory Meeting, held on 14th October last. The following extracts from these Notes may be given, viz. :—

Extract from Notes by the County Clerk.

"APPOINTMENT OF VETERINARY INSPECTOR.—If the Bill passes, the carrying out of its provisions and of those of the relative Tuberculosis Order will, in a County such as Lanarkshire, call for the appointment of a Veterinary Surgeon, who will require to devote his whole time to the duties. As matters stand, separate appointments might be made by the County Council and the several District Committees acting in their respective capacities as Local Authorities under the Diseases of Animals Acts and the Public Health Acts respectively. This might lead to overlapping of duties, greater expense, and less efficiency. It is, therefore, suggested that the principle applying to the appointment of County Medical Officers of Health and County Sanitary Inspectors under the Local Government

Act, 1889, should apply. In that event, the County Council would appoint a Veterinary Inspector for the whole County, whose services the District Committees could command if they so desire. The expense would, in such a case, be apportioned to the several assessment accounts liable therein in due proportion."

Extract from Notes by County Medical Officer.

"The procedure to be followed in administering the Tuberculosis Order of 1909 seems to suggest the need of co-operation between the District Committees, as Local Authority under the Public Health Act, and the Executive Committee of the County Council, as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Probably the objects of the Bill and of the Order above referred to could best be attained by the appointment of a permanent Veterinary Officer, whose services would be available throughout the whole County. He would be able to make an annual inspection of all the dairy herds with an assistant during the seven months of the year, when dairy cows are mostly indoors. It will be remembered that a suggestion of this kind was made in my Annual Report for 1896, page 129, when reporting upon tuberculosis. Again, in a report dated 5th October, 1901, which was submitted to the Executive Committee and representatives of the District Committees. In connection with these reports, the members of the Upper and Lower Ward Committees agreed to such an appointment being made, but the Middle Ward District Committee delayed the matter. The experience gained since then will no doubt enable the District Committees to make definite proposals to the County Council, as they now know the actual cost of dairy herd inspections."

It is believed that the several District Committees approved generally of the views expressed in the above extracts.

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APPENDIX II.

County Offices,
Hamilton, February 24th, 1913.

THOS. MUNRO, Esq.,
County Clerk.

DEAR SIR,

TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1913.

The records of our annual inspection of dairy herds show that, on an average, fully forty cases of Udder Tuberculosis are detected yearly.

If such inspection were to be carried out at more frequent intervals it is certain that number would be increased fifty per cent., and it is conceivable that without increased systematic inspection on our part the interim reporting of cases suspected by owners and veterinary surgeons under the Order may affect the total to a like extent.

I would, therefore, expect for a time to deal with at least sixty cases of "Tuberculosis of the Udder" per annum, but this figure bears no relation to the number of cases which I would have to investigate since all cases of chronic disease of the udder are reportable.

I have no actual statistics on which to base an estimate of the probable yearly crop of cases of "Tuberculosis with Emaciation," but, since this includes all bovine animals—old and young, male, neuter, and female—it cannot be put at less than one hundred per annum.

If condemned animals are disposed of at our own abattoirs, the salvage may amount to one-third of the compensation payable.

You spoke of, and I fully endorse, the desirability of urging the Board to compel other authorities to carry out systematic veterinary inspection of their herds equivalent to what obtains in this County.

Whether this is done or not, and though the question is beset with difficulty, it would have been well, in order to prevent "dumping" of animals, if authorities could refuse to deal by full compensation with animals recently purchased from outside areas in a diseased condition.

The non-inclusion of Ireland may lead to illicit trade in diseased animals from that country, and I should report that at certain seasons some dealers in this County import from Wales and elsewhere large numbers of cast dairy cows for the lower class fleshing trade that flourishes in our populous areas.

The majority of these animals would be reportable under this Order.

I will reserve further criticism till I see the Board's letter explanatory of the Order.

Yours faithfully,

HUGH BEGG, F.R.C.V.S.,
County Veterinary Inspector.

Note.—The number of cattle in County of Lanark as per statistics in the "Transactions of the Highland and Agricultural Society, 1912," is stated as follows:—

Cows and heifers in milk, ...	29,191	38,346
„ „ in calf, ...	9,155	
Other cattle 2 years old and over, ...	10,846	32,901
„ „ under 2 years old, ...	22,055	
Total, ...		71,247

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

2nd April, 1913.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday 2nd April, 1913, being a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the County of Lanark.

Present—

William Barr.	D. Kinloch Michie.
James Cameron.	William Neilson.
Samuel Forrest.	James C. Pollok.
Alexander Hamilton.	James Prentice.
William Love.	Colonel King Stewart.

William Templeton.

Attending—

Hugh Begg, F.R.C.V.S., County Veterinary Inspector.

Chairman.

Mr. Templeton, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting,

Tuberculosis Order.—Report of Conference of Local Authorities held at Glasgow. — Agreed not to adopt attitude taken up at conference.

The Chairman having reported to the meeting the proceedings at the Conference of Local Authorities held in Glasgow on Monday, 31st ultimo, on the subject of the Tuberculosis Order of 1913, which he, along with other members of the committee and the Clerk and Veterinary Inspector, had been appointed to attend, and of which a report had appeared in the newspapers, the meeting, after very full consideration, did not see their way to adopt the attitude taken up at the conference towards the Order, and instructed the Clerk to intimate to the Clerk of the Conference that this Local Authority would not further participate in any action proposed to be taken as a result of the Conference.

Agreed to make representation to the Board for further concession with regard to compensation &c.

The meeting, however, agreed that, while they were not prepared to take up such a strong and antagonistic attitude towards the Order as had been resolved upon at the Conference, an endeavour should be made to obtain some further concession from the Board of Agriculture in the matter of compensation, and also certain amendments of the provisions of the Order, especially an amendment of Article 11, relating to the manner in which suspected animals in markets, fairs, and saleyards should be dealt with, and instructed the Clerk to communicate with the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture on the subject, requesting that the Board should receive a deputation from this Local Authority and any other County Authorities co-operating with them, in order that they may have an opportunity of laying their views before the Board.

Clerk instructed to communicate with other County Local Authorities.

The Clerk was at the same time instructed to communicate to the several County Local Authorities in Scotland, the views of this Local Authority in regard to the Order and of the action proposed to be taken, and inviting their co-operation in the matter should they agree in the attitude taken up by this Local Authority.

Appointment of representatives to interview Board.

The meeting remitted to the sub-committee appointed at last meeting to represent this Local Authority on any deputation which the Board of Agriculture may receive on the subject, and authorised the chairman in the event of any of the members being unable to attend to appoint another member of the committee to fill the vacancy.

Veterinary Inspector appointed to attend meeting in London in regard to Tuberculosis Order.

The meeting appointed the County Veterinary Inspector to attend the meeting of Veterinary Inspectors to be held in the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, London, on 7th current, when Sir Stewart Stockman, Veterinary Officer of the Board of Agriculture had agreed to explain the working of the Tuberculosis Order.

Appointment of Inspectors under Diseases of Animals Acts.—Superintendent Taylor, Hamilton.

The meeting agreed to appoint Superintendent Taylor, in room of Superintendent Anderson, resigned, as the inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts, for the Hamilton District.

Sergeant Peden, Biggar.

It was also agreed that Sergeant Alexander Peden should be appointed as an additional inspector at Biggar under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

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MINUTE OF MEETING

OF

REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTY LOCAL AUTHORITIES *RE* TUBERCULOSIS ORDER OF 1913.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, *upon Monday*, 14*th April*, 1913, being a meeting of Representatives of County Local Authorities on the subject of the Tuberculosis Order of 1913. 14th April, 1913.

Present—

As representing Ayrshire—
Joseph H. Turner.
James E. Shaw, County Clerk.

As representing Kirkcudbrightshire—
Alexander Donald, Chief Constable.

As representing Lanarkshire—
Colonel King Stewart, of Murdostoun, Convener of the County.
Wm. Templeton, of Torland, Chairman of the Executive Committee.
Thomas Munro, County Clerk.
Hugh Begg, F.R.C.V.S., County Veterinary Inspector.

As representing Midlothian—
J. M'Hutcheon Dobbie, Vice-Convener of the County.
Charles Buchanan.
A. G. G. Asher, County Clerk.

Mr. Templeton was appointed chairman of the meeting. *Chairman.*

Mr. Munro submitted:—

(1) Copy of the communication (Appendix I.) which he had addressed to the several County Local Authorities in Scotland, of date 3rd instant; and *Statements submitted.*

(2) Copy of Note (Appendix II.) of the main points proposed to be brought before the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Mr. Munro stated that a number of the County Local Authorities, who were represented at the recent conference of Local Authorities held in Glasgow, had indicated their intention to adhere to the attitude then taken up, but he submitted letters from the Counties of Dumfries and Peebles indicating general approval of the views expressed on behalf of Lanarkshire, but regretting that they would not be represented at the meeting. *Communication from County Local Authorities.*

Position of Lanarkshire.—Statement by County Clerk.

Mr. Munro, in explaining the position of Lanarkshire, stated that, while they could not see their way to approve of the strong attitude against the Order taken up at the conference referred to, they desired to urge upon the Board of Agriculture the advisability for further concessions being made to Local Authorities in the matter of compensation. They did not, however, think that acceptance of this suggestion should be put forward as a condition precedent of their putting the Order into operation, or that they should put forward the proposal that the Order should be suspended until a similar Order had been made applicable to Ireland. The Lanarkshire Local Authority at the same time were of the opinion that the position as regards Irish cattle should be brought prominently to the notice of the Board, in the hope that suitable measures for dealing with it may be devised.

Suggested amendment of Article II.

Having also explained the views of the Lanarkshire Local Authority in regard to certain provisions of the Order, Mr. Munro submitted a suggested amendment of Article II., to which, in its present form, his constituents were strongly opposed. The Article, amended as suggested, was in the following terms, viz. :—

1. A veterinary inspector of a local authority may, by notice served on the owner or person in charge of a bovine animal exposed in a market, fairground, or sale-yard, which appears to him to be—

   (i) suffering from tuberculosis of the udder, indurated udder, or other chronic disease of the udder ; or

   (ii) suffering from tuberculosis with emaciation,

   require the animal to be emoved from the market, fair-ground, or sale-yard, to other premises for the purpose of examination under the foregoing provisions of this Order.

2. No animal, in respect of which notice has been served under this Article, shall be moved into the district of another local authority without the consent of such local authority.

Co-operation of County Local Authorities.

After discussion, the representatives of the several Local Authorities present expressed approval of the views stated on behalf of Lanarkshire, and agreed to co-operate with that Local Authority in making representations to the Board of Agriculture in accordance therewith.

Mr. Munro stated that he had not yet heard from the Board of Agriculture in reply to his communication requesting an interview, but that he would communicate to the Clerks of the several Local Authorities co-operating the purport of the Board's reply so soon as received.

APPENDIX I.

"County Offices,
"Hamilton, 3rd April, 1913.

"DEAR SIR,

"TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1913.

"The Executive Committee of this Local Authority have given this Order very careful consideration, with the result that they are of opinion that, taken as a whole, the Order is one which, if properly administered, cannot fail to be productive of beneficial results.

"The committee at the same time consider that an effort should be made to obtain some further concessions from the Board of Agriculture in the matter of compensation, and also that the provisions of the Order on certain important points should be amended. I enclose a note of the main points which my committee desire to bring before the Board, and I shall be glad to know how far your Local Authority are in agreement with them.

"My committee have asked the Board of Agriculture to receive a deputation of their number in order to lay their views before the Board, and if your Local Authority are in sympathy with the attitude which they have adopted, I am to invite them to appoint representatives to join the deputation.

"It is right that I should explain that while this Local Authority were represented at the recent Conference held in Glasgow on the subject of the Order, the Executive Committee, on consideration of a report of the proceedings, could not see their way to concur in the resolutions which were then adopted, and I send herewith copy of a letter which, by the instructions of my committee, I have addressed to the Town-Clerk of Glasgow, withdrawing from participation in the action which it was agreed should be taken to carry into effect the resolutions arrived at at the conference.

"I shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

"I am,

"Yours faithfully,

"THOS. MUNRO,
"*County Clerk.*"

APPENDIX II.

TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1913.

NOTE OF THE MAIN POINTS PROPOSED TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

1. That further provision should be made to relieve the Local Authorities from payment, out of the local rates of compensation in respect of animals slaughtered in terms of the Order, and especially in respect of animals brought from Ireland.

2. That the Sanitary Authority, or their officers, should be under obligation to report to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts any case of disease which may come under their notice, or be reported to them other than through the Local Authority or the Police.

3. That Article 11 of the Order be amended to conform to the recognised principle which regulates the movement of diseased or suspected animals. In other words, that the responsibility of dealing with a case of disease, or suspected disease, should rest upon the Local Authority of the area in which the animal is found to be diseased, or is suspected of being affected with disease.

4. That, pending legislation, the attention of Public Health Authorities be directed to the powers possessed by them to make systematic inspection of dairy herds within their respective districts.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CAMBUSLANG ELECTRIC LIGHTING, &c.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings there, upon Wednesday, 5th February, 1913, being a meeting of the Joint Committee of the County Council of Lanark and of the District Committee of the Middle Ward in connection with the Electricity and Refuse Destructor Works at Cambuslang. 5th February, 1913.

Present—

Colonel Buchanan.
Owen Coyle.
Robert Lambie.
William Love.
John Todd.
James Tonner.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee.
W. L. Douglass, District Engineer.
D. M. Eunson, Resident Engineer.
J. M. M. Munro, Consulting Engineer.

Mr. Love, chairman of the Joint Committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the Joint Committee, of date 27th November, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

Under reference to the minutes of the last meeting of the Joint Committee, the Clerk submitted a communication which he had received from Mr. J. M. M. Munro, and which was in the following terms, viz. :— *Flues of new boiler.—Letter from Mr. J. M. M. Munro.*

108 Douglas Street,
Blythswood Square,
Glasgow, 30th January, 1913.

Dear Sir,

Cambuslang Flues.

After arranging with Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox, Ltd., to pay a proportion of the expense, I have had the suggested alterations carried out. The larger recesses which might have caused eddies and concussions in the flues have now been removed, and the new flue, notwithstanding the turns due to its necessary position, has now no recesses to speak of and no sharp bends.

On trial in my presence, I found it now easy to avoid trouble by careful firing, up to the limits of the load then available.

The need for burning the station refuse made it inconvenient for the Resident Engineer to give facilities for repeated trial on maximum load; but we arranged to have this at the earliest convenient opportunity.

The first day the station staff had occasion to use the boiler themselves, however, they had a series of concussions, some with the destructor flue at work, and some with it entirely closed off. One of these occurred when a man was firing, and the momentary reversal of the draught burned the man somewhat on the arm and cheek. I then

consulted again with the expert staff of Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox, Ltd., as well as with others experienced in flue construction. Mr. Cox, of Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox, Ltd., went through the flues with me personally from boiler to chimney.

None of these could lay their finger on anything with which they could find serious fault.

I insisted, however, on the Contractors making another test with me, and taking temperatures, pressures, and gas analyses. They have accordingly agreed to go with me to-morrow (Friday), to Cambuslang, bringing with them a chemist and their own fireman. I have had ten openings in all made at which gas analyses may be performed.

I have drawn their attention mainly to three points:—

(1) Although their boiler is "standard practice," is the overhead recess at back, inside of boiler, not a possible site of trouble?

(2) In the portion of flue immediately behind boiler, will the slight widening left for the purpose of rounding off the corner be worth considering with a view to a small further alteration?

(3) Do the gas explosions occur in the common main flue just before it enters chimney? If so, it points to the need of carrying our flue straight into the base of chimney and across same without any union with the common flue.

If our further test to-morrow points to No. 3 the problem will be to ascertain the best way of extending our flue into chimney. All along I have avoided this because it means widening, or forming another entrance into the chimney. The ground all about is not good for foundations, and any interference with chimney must be made with great care and as a last resort.

I will report further next week the result of Friday's tests, and would be glad to know the date of committee meeting.

I am, Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. M. M. MUNRO.

Additional communication from Mr. J. M. M. Munro.

There was also submitted a further communication which had been received from Mr. J. M. M. Munro, and which was as follows, viz.:—

108 Douglas Street,
Blythswood Square,
Glasgow, 4th February, 1913.

DEAR SIR,

CONTINUATION OF MY REPORT UPON CAMBUSLANG FLUES.

On Friday, 31st January, I made another test of the boiler flues, accompanied by Mr. Cox and Mr. Lambie, and a chemist and a fireman, all from Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox, Limited. The new boiler was fired slowly all day, and at four o'clock we started the largest engine so that the boiler was on half its guaranteed load. By five o'clock it was on full load, and we gradually raised the load thereafter until six o'clock, when the boiler was fully 25 per cent. overload. Except at the very end of these tests the Destructor and old Lancashire boilers were standing with banked fires. Under these circumstances, any leakage past the dampers of old flues would be rich in C.O. and inflammable.

As there was refuse which had to be burned, the Destructor dampers were fully opened shortly after 6 p.m., and the new boiler flues run in parallel with the old, each boiler supplying its share of steam until 6.30, when we gradually closed down the new boiler to allow the refuse to be burned more rapidly.

During all this time no trouble of any kind was experienced.

Temperature tests, and gas analyses and flue pressures were taken at ten points in the old and new flues. The results of these tests are being worked out, and I hope to have them in time to report verbally to the Committee.

Yours truly,

(Signed) J. M. M. MUNRO.

Mr. Munro further reported that he had that morning visited the works of Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox to obtain their Report on the tests of the boiler flues, which had been made on 31st ultimo, but he stated that the results of these were not yet available.

The meeting, in the circumstances, agreed to continue the matter for further consideration.

Examination of chimney shaft.—Report by Messrs. Robb.—Acceptance of offer.

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting of the Joint Committee, the Clerk submitted the following Report by Messrs. Robb, Glasgow, of their examination of the chimney at the Electricity Works, viz. :—

206 Reid Street,
Glasgow, 24th December, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

We have now climbed the chimney, and therefore beg to report on it as follows :—

The head is beginning to get rather loose, and will require a hoop about two inches by half-an-inch indented into the freestone to hold it together. The inside lining is cracked and one piece is lying to one side about twenty feet down; it would require to be taken down and rebuilt, having extra projecting bricks against the main wall of the chimney. There are a few parts of the chimney requiring pointing, but this we would not advise at present. The main tape of lightning conductor is broken and very much eaten away and will require about three feet of tape to re-fix same. The finals and coronal on top are, as far as we can find out, in fairly good order. We hereby offer to execute the above repairs, viz.—take down what is required of lining and rebuild the same, supply and fit up 2-inch by $\frac{1}{2}$-inch hoop on head, supply three feet of copper tape 2-inch by $\frac{1}{8}$-inch and re-fix same to main tape on coronal. All this we will do for the slump sum of £10 15s. (say Ten pounds, Fifteen shillings), you supplying us with about one thousand fire-clay bricks and necessary fire-clay.

We beg to point out that this job of course cannot be done while the chimney is in use.

Hoping to be favoured with your esteemed commands,

Yours faithfully,

p. JAS. ROBB.

(Initialed) W. D.

The Resident Engineer stated that on receipt of Messrs. Robb's Report he had asked them to proceed at once with the work of repairing the lightning conductor, and that this had now been done. He further stated that Messrs. Robb's estimate would fall to be increased by 30s. owing to the ladders having to be mounted twice on the chimney to enable the repairs to the lightning conductor being carried out. The meeting approved of the action of the Resident Engineer, and agreed to accept Messrs. Robb's offer for the repairs to the chimney in accordance with their estimate, it being left to the chairman of the Committee and the Resident Engineer to fix the time when the work could best be carried out.

The meeting authorised the Resident Engineer to obtain the necessary bricks and fireclay which would be required in connection with the repairs.

Proposed advertisement show-room in Cambuslang.

The Clerk submitted a communication, of date 8th ultimo, which he had received from the Resident Engineer requesting information on certain points in connection with the Show-room which the Resident Engineer suggested should be opened in Cambuslang for the purpose of advertising the advantages of electricity. The meeting agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Sub-Committee appointed at last meeting.

Request by Rink Picture Palace for reduction in price of current.

There was laid before the meeting a communication from the manager of the Rink Picture Palace soliciting a reduction in the price of the current used by them. The meeting agreed to continue the matter for further consideration.

Works Record.

The Clerk submitted the Works' Record (Appendix.), a copy of which had been sent to each member of the Joint Committee.

Report on No. 1 Boiler.

There was also submitted Report by the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Limited, relating to the No. 1 Lancashire Boiler, which was reported as being in Order.

Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association.—Eighteenth Annual Convention at London.

The Clerk laid before the meeting a communication which he had received from the Secretary of the Incorporated Municipal Electrical Association, dated 1st January, 1913, inviting this Joint Committee to appoint representatives to attend the Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Association to be held at London from 17th to 20th June next.

Appointment of delegates.

The meeting agreed to appoint the chairman, along with the Resident Engineer, to attend the Convention as representing the Joint Committee.

APPENDIX.

CAMBUSLANG ELECTRIC LIGHTING, &c.

WORKS RECORD.

Week ending 1912.	Units generated, Coal.	Units sold, Street Lighting.	Units used in Station.	Water used in Gallons.	Coal used.			Refuse destroyed.			Units bought, Clyde Valley.	Total Units generated.	Total Units corresponding week last year.
					Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.			
Nov. *16,	747	2,125	136	44,590	4	7	2	120	12	1	271	4,845	4,721
,, 23,	405	2,132	128	44,980	2	19	2	120	4	2	34	4,932	4,715
,, 30,	619	2,245	122	47,550	4	0	2	120	4	2	413	5,372	4,939
Dec. *7,	791	2,267	133	37,420	4	11	0	139	0	2	588	5,860	5,022
,, 14,	288	2,323	159	42,710	1	19	0	127	12	0	542	5,764	5,347
,, 21,	447	2,352	146	41,150	3	9	2	138	18	2	511	5,871	5,456
,, *28,	547	2,391	159	44,670	4	4	0	140	13	2	381	5,489	5,425
1913.													
Jan. 4,	853	2,316	130	41,180	4	0	2	125	6	0	296	5,363	4,866
,, 11,	311	2,289	150	40,400	2	9	0	124	5	0	452	5,488	5,158
,, 18,	441	2,339	146	39,910	3	6	2	128	17	2	447	5,545	5,057
,, *23,	841	2,425	154	40,770	4	18	0	139	0	2	605	5,523	4,892

* Denotes flue cleaning.

D. M. EUNSON,
Resident Engineer.

JOINT-COMMITTEE ON CAMBUSLANG ELECTRIC LIGHTING, &c.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 23rd April, 1913, being a meeting of the Joint-Committee of the County Council of Lanark and of the District Committee of the Middle Ward in connection with the Electricity and Refuse Destructor Works at Cambuslang. 23rd April, 1913.

Present—

Owen Coyle.	William Love.
Robert Lambie.	John Todd.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to Middle Ward District Committee.
W. L. Douglass, District Engineer.
D. M. Eunson, Resident Engineer.
J. M. M. Munro, Consulting Engineer.

Mr. Love, chairman of the joint-committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the joint-committee, of date 5th February, which had been printed and sent to each member of the joint-committee, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting, the Clerk submitted several communications which he had received from Mr. J. M. M. Munro, consulting engineer, with regard to the flues of the new boiler, and which showed that Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox were still in course of carrying out experiments, the full result of which had not yet been ascertained. Mr. J. M. M. Munro submitted and read a report, which was in the following terms, viz.:— *Flues of new boiler.—Communications from Mr. J. M. M. Munro, Consulting Engineer.*

"108 Douglas Street,
"Blythswood Square,
"Glasgow, 22nd April, 1913.

"Dear Sir,

"*Re* Boiler at Cambuslang.

"Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox have gone very carefully and patiently into the causes of the imperfect working of their boiler. After each trial they put the whole facts before their Glasgow and London experts, and gradually eliminated one possible source after another, until they found that the sole cause was insufficient combustion in the fire proper.

"Before accepting their original tender, I drew their attention to this possibility, and again after trouble resulted; but they declared this unlikely, and appealed to wide experience elsewhere. They admitted it only when a prolonged series of experiments had made it evident.

"They are now building a coking arch within the boiler, and they expect that the trials next week will prove satisfactory. This is, I believe, a comparatively new departure in Babcock & Wilcox boilers, and if successful (as I expect), should make the boiler better than ever in respect of smoke consumption.

"I am,

"Yours truly,

"J. M. M. MUNRO."

Correspondence between Mr. J. M. M. Munro and Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox.

Mr. J. M. M. Munro also submitted the following correspondence, which had recently passed between him and Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox, which was as follows:—

"23rd April, 1913.

"J. M. M. Munro, Esq.,
"Douglas Street,
"Glasgow.

"Dear Sir,

"Cambuslang Electricity Works.

"With regard to your interview with us, we beg to advise you that we hope, judging from the advice from our bricklaying contractors, to complete the alterations to the furnace to-night or to-morrow.

"As to the effect of the alterations, we may say that we have every hope that they will overcome the difficulty. In any case, you may rely upon us doing everything we possibly can to assist in the solution of this exceptional problem.

"Yours truly,
"BABCOCK & WILCOX, Ltd.,
"(Signed) J. D. Stothert."

"108 Douglas Street,
"Blythswood Square,
"Glasgow, 23rd April, 1913.

"Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox, Ltd.,
"29 St. Vincent Place,
"Glasgow.

"Dear Sirs,

"Cambuslang Electricity Works.

"I thank you for your letter of 23rd April, ref. JMcE/LCL, which I will place before the committee at a meeting to-day.

"So soon as you are satisfied that this boiler is in perfect working order, I would like to see your test run prior to taking it over as per contract on behalf of the committee. For this run you will doubtless require an artificial load at this season of the year. I have reason to believe that the Glasgow Corporation will lend you a convenient resistance suitable for taking up the load during this test.

"In view of the exceptional experience, I would like to shift forward the date of termination of maintenance from 1st November, 1913, until 31st December, 1913, so that we may have full opportunity of seeing the boiler run for a little time upon its regular duty during the winter season.

"I am,
"Yours truly,
"J. M."

"23rd April, 1913.

"J. M. M. Munro, Esq.,
"108 Douglas Street,
"Glasgow.

"Dear Sir,

"Cambuslang Electricity Works.

"We have your favour, of even date, regarding the above. As to the question of the resistances, we shall consult Mr. Cox as soon as possible.

"With regard to the period of maintenance, we may say that this will not matter, as we will see you through the difficulty regardless of this altogether.

"Yours faithfully,
"BABCOCK & WILCOX, LTD.,
"(Sgd.) J. McE."

Matter Continued for further consideration.

The meeting, in view of the circumstances explained above, agreed to continue the matter for further consideration.

Report by Resident Engineer.

There was submitted to the meeting a report by the Resident Engineer which forms an appendix to this minute, and of which a copy had been sent to each member of the joint-committee,

A damp in south wall of engine room.

With regard to the damp appearing on the south wall of the engine-room the meeting agreed that the wall should be pointed, and that the outside should be faced with rough-cast. It was remitted to the Resident Engineer to obtain estimates for the work, and the meeting remitted to the Chairman to accept the lowest or any offer.

Painting and white-washing engine-room wall.

The meeting also agreed that the engine-room wall should be painted and white-washed, and the Resident Engineer was instructed to obtain estimates also for this work and to submit the same to the Chairman, who was authorised to accept the lowest or any offer.

Accident at Silverbank Quarry.

With reference to the accident at Silverbank Quarry, reported by the Resident Engineer, Mr. Coyle stated that the caretaker in charge of the children's play-ground had been instructed by the Parish Council to take steps to prevent so far ss possible children from approaching the quarry.

Resident Engineer's annual holiday.

The meeting granted the request of the Resident Engineer for his annual holiday in June, and authorised him to make arrangements accordingly.

Accounts from Clyde Valley Company.

There were submitted to the meeting two accounts which had been received from the Clyde Valley Company amounting to £34 11s. 8d. and £30 10s. 5d., together £65 2s. 1d., being cost of units consumed from 1st October to 31st March, 1913. The Clerk stated that with £11 which had already been paid during the current year the amount would be £76, as compared with £52 last year. The Resident Engineer having satisfactorily explained the reason for the increase, the meeting authorised payment of the accounts as rendered.

The meeting at the same time instructed the Clerk to endeavour to obtain from the Clyde Valley Company some concession by way of a reduction of the price.

Request by Messrs. Stewart, Cambuslang to light their new office in Greenlees Road.

With reference to the request of Messrs. Stewart, Cambuslang, to light their new office in Greenlees Road, the meeting could not see their way to accede to their request except on the understanding that Messrs. Stewart would pay two-thirds of the total cost of laying the cable, which was estimated at £15.

Putting back line of footpath of Vicarland Highway.

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from the Resident Engineer stating that owing to the putting back of the line of footpath of Vicarland Highway it had been found necessary to alter the position of two lamps, the cost of doing so being£2.

Damage to cable on north side of Main Street at Somerville Street.

The Resident Engineer also reported damage to the cable on the north side of Main Street at Somerville Street, which had been caused by the Post Office Department while carrying out certain operations, and stated that he had estimated the cost of making good the damage £1 10s., which sum the Post Office Department had since paid.

Works record.

The Clerk submitted a copy of the Works Record which forms an appendix to the Resident Engineer's Report.

Proposed Exhibition for electrical appliances.

With reference to the proposed exhibition for electrical appliances, the Clerk submitted a letter from the Resident Engineer transmitting copies of replies received from several firms who supplied heating and cooking utensils, from which it appeared that while some of them were willing to lend material they were not desirous otherwise of participating in the exhibition.

Communication from Resident Engineer.

As relative to this matter the Clerk also submitted and read a further communication from the Resident Engineer, which was in the following terms, viz :—

"Electricity and Destructor Works,
"Bothwell Street,
"Cambuslang,
"18th April, 1913.

"Dear Sir,

"Show-rooms for Electrical Apparatus.

"As an alternative to the propositions put forward by the manufacturers of electrical heating and cooking apparatus, I would put forward the following suggestions which may be discusssed at the Electricity Committee Meeting on Wednesday next. Messrs. The Cambuslang Motor Co., 205 Main Street, Cambuslang, a new local concern, are about to push the sale of electric lamps, fittings, &c. I have interviewed their Manager, Mr. Proctor, and his firm would be willing to put forward heating and cooking appliances on show and at work in their windows, and to act in co-operation with us in any reasonable way. We would, of course, require to wire their premises to suit the showing of material at work, but this would come under the original amount authorised by the committee. They would be willing to bring the material to Cambuslang, and also to push the sale of them in the district. Something might possibly be done to give them a cheap rate for the energy used in working the utensils. As the premises belonging to them are in an ideal position in the Main Street for such a purpose, I would bring the project before the notice of the members of the committee when further considering the scheme of show-rooms.

"I am, &c.,
"(Signed) D. M. EUNSON.

The meeting continued the matter in the hands of the sub-committee previously appointed to deal with it.

Request of Rink Picture Palace for reduction of price of current.

The meeting having further considered the request of the Rink Picture Palace for a reduction of the price of current used by them, instructed the Clerk to say that the committee could not, in the meantime, see their way to make any reduction, but that in the event of the quantity of current used being increased to any considerable extent the matter would be reconsidered.

Report by Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., of examination of water-tube boiler No. 3.

There was submitted to the meeting a report by the Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation, Limited, of the examination of the water-tube boiler No. 3, which was reported to be in good order.

Bad debts.

Authority was granted to the Clerk to wipe off bad debts amounting in all to £13 7s., leaving them, however, still open for recovery.

APPENDIX.

LANARK COUNTY COUNCIL.

ELECTRICITY AND DESTRUCTOR WORKS,
BOTHWELL STREET,
CAMBUSLANG, N.B., *4th April*, 1913.

THOMAS MUNRO, ESQ.,
COUNTY CLERK,
HAMILTON.

DEAR SIR,

I beg to report on the following points with reference to maintenance at the Generating Station:—

Alterations to Fuses on Main Switchboard advised by Factory Inspector.—Those have now been completed and are working satisfactorily.

Replacement of Negative Plates on Storage Battery.—Messrs. The Electrical Power Storage Company advise me that they are desirous of replacing, with new plates, the negative side of battery before next winter. To suit the other annual overhauls at the works, I have written them that this change can be carried out either in August or September of this year. The battery must of course be left off the supply during the overhaul period, which they state will cover from three to four weeks. The supply to consumers during overhaul will require to be carried out by running plant over the twenty-four hours of each day. The work will be done by the Company on the maintenance of the battery.

South Wall of Engine-room.—I have to report that during the heavy rainstorms of the past winter damp was very prevalent on the inside of the south engine-room wall, to the detriment of the station lighting, wiring, and fuse-boxes. Those I have had mounted out from the wall to a distance of half-an-inch by means of insulators, to prevent risk of fire. I have asked the advice of Mr. Douglass as to the question of damp, and it would be advisable to have the wall pointed, and, if not too expensive, the outside might be faced with rough-cast.

Painting and Whitewashing Engine-room Walls.—I would advise that the inside walls of engine-room be painted this year, as this has only been done once since the erection of the works. An extra coat of paint on the south inside wall would also be advisable to further protect that side from damp getting through.

Tests and Alterations to New Boiler.—Since last report on the new boiler the makers have altered the firing doors, and have given freer access to the passage of air from the front of boiler. Two tests have been carried out, but on both of those tests secondary combustion took place within the boiler flue. I have received a letter from Messrs. Babcock & Wilcox, informing me that, after consulting with Mr. J. M. M. Munro, they have decided to build either one or two brick arches above the firing space within the boiler flue. This, they think, will give a higher and more retained degree of heat at the front of boiler flue, thus allowing less chance for secondary combustion.

Maintenance Period of New Boiler by the Makers.—In regard to the maintenance period of this boiler, November of this year has been fixed by the Consulting Engineer as terminating the contract. I would advise that an extension of the period of maintenance be asked for to terminate at the end of December. I feel that this will give us a better opportunity of finding out any defects in the boiler, before finally taking it over from the makers.

Accident in Silverbanks Quarry on 30th ultimo.—I have to report that a boy named M'Vey, 28 Buchanan Square, Cambuslang, fell into the quarry here on above noted date, and had a narrow escape from drowning.

I beg to apply for my annual holiday in June of this year. Herewith I have enclosed the "Works' Record."

I am,

Yours faithfully,

D. M. EUNSON.

WORKS' RECORD.

1913. Week ending	Units Generated Refuse.	Units Generated Coal.	Units sold Street Lighting.	Units used in Gen. Station.	Water used. Gallons.	Coal used. T. C. Q.	Refuse Destroyed. T. C. Q.	Units Bought Clyde Valley	Total Units Generated.	Total Units Corresponding Period last Year.
Feb., 1,	4,661	445	2,281	137	38,820	...	147 19 0	330	5,340	4,777
8,	4,718	209	2,214	138	43,820	1 15 0	203 10 0	227	5,087	4,557
* 15,	4,055	694	2,146	126	45,680	4 7 2	147 9 0	326	4.984	4,325
22,	4,345	205	2,055	130	41,920	1 15 0	138 0 0	178	4.676	4,082
Mar., 1,	3,826	501	1,954	109	44,920	3 6 2	149 17 2	115	4,412	3,693
* 8,	3,430	1,117	1,912	121	45,520	5 15 2	148 10 2	50	4,176	3,525
15,	3,948	...	1,813	99	45,970	...	159 6 2	...	3,948	3,061
22,	3,591	...	1,734	101	50,420	...	153 15 2	...	3,591	2,883
29,	3,437	...	1,614	89	47,100	...	155 14 0	...	3,437	2.824

* Denotes Flue Cleaning.

D. M. EUNSON,
Resident Engineer.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 5th February, 1913, being a Meeting of the Committee appointed by the County Council under the National Insurance Act. — 5th February, 1913.

Present—

GEORGE FRASER. | WILLIAM NEILSON.
ROBERT LAMBIE. | Colonel KING STEWART.
JAMES TONNER.

Colonel King Stewart, chairman of the committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 18th December, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

There was laid before the meeting a communication, of date 27th ultimo, which had been received from the National Health Insurance Commissioners, reminding this committee that they had still to appoint an additional duly qualified medical practitioner to the County of Lanark Insurance Committee. — *Communication from National Health Insurance Commissioners re appointment of additional medical practitioner to County Insurance Committee.*

The meeting, after consideration, unanimously agreed to appoint Dr. M'Nay, Larkhall, and instructed the Clerk to intimate the appointment. — *Dr. M'Nay, Larkhall, appointed.*

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

JOINT-COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND TOWN-PLANNING.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 5th February, 1913, being a meeting of the Joint-Committee of the County Council and of the District Committees of the Upper and Lower Wards appointed under the Housing and Town-Planning Act. 5th February, 1913.

Present—

Walter C. B. Christie.	D. Kinloch Michie.
George Fraser.	William Neilson.
Robert Lambie.	William Speirs.

James Tonner.

Mr. Lambie in the chair. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the joint-committee, of date 6th March, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

There was submitted to the meeting a letter from the Town-Clerk of Rutherglen, of date 27th January, which was in the following terms, viz. :— *Letter from Town-Clerk of Rutherglen.*

"Town-Clerk's Office,
"Rutherglen, 27th January, 1913.

"Dear Sir,

"Town-Planning.

"Referring to my conversation with you some time ago, I have been informed that a deputation from the Local Government Board will be in Rutherglen on 7th proximo to confer on the subject of town-planning, and I should like to know if it would be possible to arrange for a conference between some members of the Town Council and some members of the County Council in regard to a joint scheme for the burgh and county before that date.

"Yours, &c.,
(Sgd.) "GEO. GRAY,
"*Town-Clerk.*"

As relative thereto, the Clerk submitted a communication which he had received from Mr. Colin H. Macfarlane, C.E., Burgh Engineer, which was as follows, viz. :— *Letter from Burgh Engineer.*

"Burgh Surveyor's Offices,
"Town Hall Buildings,
"Rutherglen,
"4th February, 1913.

"Dear Sir,

"I enclose herewith a map which shows an area partly Burgh Territory and partly County Territory lying between Rutherglen and Cambuslang, which we suggest is suitable for a Town Planning Scheme. Since this area was considered by the

Town Council the Corporation of Glasgow have decided to extend their Tramways from Burnside Railway Station to Cathkin, and it may be that this will affect the County Council's decision. I regret that I have not been able on the short notice received to prepare a map on a bigger scale, and have been compelled to use one of the small maps left over from the Glasgow Boundaries Fight. The yellow colour which shows the Royal Boundary was put on it at that time, and will, I hope, not confuse you in following the Town Planning Area which is coloured red.

"Yours, &c.,

"(Signed) COLIN H. MACFARLANE."

There was submitted to the meeting the map referred to in the latter communication.

Committee's decision.

The meeting after consideration instructed the Clerk to write to the Town-Clerk of Rutherglen stating that, as the committee had not had sufficient opportunity of considering the scheme proposed by the Burgh, as indicated on the plan submitted, they do not think that any good purpose would be served by their being represented at the meeting with the deputation from the Local Government Board, but that the committee would be glad to meet with representatives of the Burgh in regard to the matter on some suitable date to be hereafter arranged.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON COURT-HOUSES AND COUNTY BUILDINGS AT LANARK.

At LANARK, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Monday, 17th February, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee of the County Council with reference to the Court-houses and County Buildings at Lanark. — 17th February, 1913.

Present—

Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., M.V.O. | Colonel Logan.

Attending—

John Stewart, of Messrs. Traill & Stewart, Architects, Lanark.

Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., in the chair. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

There was laid before the meeting the remit to the Sub-Committee as contained in the Minutes of the Committee of date 20th January, 1913. — *Remit.*

The Architect submitted plans showing the alterations involved in adapting the caretaker's present house in order to provide the additional safe accommodation required by the Sheriff Clerk, and a new dwelling-house consisting of two rooms, kitchen, napery room, &c., for the caretaker, the estimated cost of the new house being £562, which, however, would fall to be increased by about £70 if the apartments of the caretaker's dwelling-house were to be enlarged. — *Additional safe accommodation; and new dwelling-house for caretaker at County Buildings.*

The members of the Sub-Committee, having made an inspection of the site at the rear of the County Buildings, on which it was proposed to erect the caretaker's house, remitted to the architect to consider whether the house presently occupied by one of the constables could be so altered as to suit the caretaker, and if so to submit plans showing how this could best be done, together with an estimate of the cost. — *Architect to report.*

SUB-COMMITTEE ON COURT HOUSES AND COUNTY BUILDINGS AT LANARK.

17th March, 1913. At LANARK, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Monday, 17th March, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee of the County Council of Lanark with reference to the Court Houses and County Buildings at Lanark.

Present—

JAMES H. FENTON. | Sir SIMON MACDONALD LOCKHART, Bart., M.V.O.

Colonel LOGAN.

Attending—

JOHN STEWART, of Messrs. Traill & Stewart, Architects, Lanark.

Chairman. Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart., in the chair.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, of date, 17th February, which were submitted in draft, having been read, were approved of.

Report by Architect. Under reference to the minutes of last meeting, the Architect reported that as instructed, he had made an examination of the house at the rear of the County Buildings presently occupied by one of the constables, but he stated that, to adapt it to suit the requirements of the caretaker, extensive alterations involving considerable expenditure, would require to be carried out.

Recommendation of Sub-Committee. The meeting, having again carefully considered the matter, agreed to recommend that, as the simplest and most economical method of providing the accommodation required, the following alterations and additions should be carried out, viz :—

(1) That the dwelling-house presently occupied by the caretaker be utilised to provide the additional safe accommodation required by the Sheriff-Clerk, and,

(2) That a new dwelling house for the caretaker be erected, as shewn on the plans submitted (subject to a slight alteration in the size of the napery room), at an estimated cost of £562.

The Clerk was instructed to submit the plans to the Secretary for Scotland for the approval of the Board of Works, with a view to an application being made for a part of the cost of the additions and alterations being borne by the Treasury.

Repainting of window sashes, &c. The Architect was instructed to prepare and submit to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee an estimate of the cost involved in the re-painting, and in the renewing of the woodwork of the window sashes, where necessary, of the buildings. The Architect was also instructed to report upon the condition of the stone work, and as to anything further requiring to be done in connection therewith.

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MINUTES

OF THE

COUNTY ROAD BOARD

OF THE

COUNTY OF LANARK.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 26th February, 1913, being a Meeting of the County Road Board of the County of Lanark. 26th February, 1913.

Present—

John Adam.	Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
Thomas Arnot.	Robert Lambie.
J. Raeside Auld.	William Love.
William Barr.	David K. Michie.
Colonel Buchanan.	Alex. R. Mitchell.
James Cameron.	William Neilson.
W. W. Chapman.	William Speirs.
Walter C. B. Christie.	Robert Sharp.

Colonel King Stewart.

Colonel King Stewart chairman of the Board, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting, which was in the following terms, viz. :— *Notice calling meeting.*

COUNTY OF LANARK.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 20th February, 1913.

Sir,

COUNTY ROAD BOARD.

I am to request your attendance at a Meeting of this Board, to be held in the County Buildings, Glasgow, on *Wednesday next, 26th current, at* 11.30 *a.m.*, on the undernoted business.

Your obedient servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

NOTE OF BUSINESS.

Consider, and if so resolved, recommend the County Council to declare that the following Roads shall be Highways within the meaning and for the purposes of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, viz. :—

Parish of Avondale.

Ryeland Station Road, extending from its junction with East and West Highway, *via* Ryeland Station, to its junction with Waterhead, Peelhill, and Linbank (No. 5 Branch) Highway, a distance of 2 furlongs, 120 yards, or thereby.

PARISH OF BOTHWELL.

Holytown Station Road, from Measleybush Highway northwards, a distance of 1 furlong, 13 yards, or thereby.

Recommendation by the Middle Ward District Committee relative to the following road improvements:—

(1) An improvement at the junction of the Glasgow and Carlisle Highway and the Machan Highway, at Larkhall, in the parish of Dalserf—£30.

(2) The widening and improvement of the Lanark and Hamilton Highway at Highlees, in the parish of Dalserf—£50.

Lighting of Vehicles.

Studs on Traction Engine Wheels.—Letter from Secretary of Old Monkland Agricultural Society.

Speed of Motor Cars.—Communications from Cadder Parish Council and Stepps Ratepayers' Association.

Any other competent business.

Minute of last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, of date 20th November, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed.

Roads recommended to be adopted as Highways.

There having been submitted recommendations by the District Committee of the Middle Ward of the County on the subject of highways, as specified in the notice, and the meeting having considered the same, agreed that, on certificates being obtained in each case from the Road Surveyor that the roads were in a satisfactory condition to be taken over, the County Council should be recommended that the following roads should be declared to be highways within the meaning and for the purposes of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, and, as such, should be added to the List of roads, highways, and bridges made up under Section 41 thereof:—

PARISH OF AVONDALE.

Ryeland Station Road, extending from its junction with East and West Highway, *via* Ryeland Station, to its junction with Waterhead, Peelhill, and Linbank (No. 5 Branch) Highway, a distance of 2 furlongs, 120 yards or thereby.

PARISH OF BOTHWELL.

Holytown Station Road, from Measleybush Highway northwards a distance of 1 furlong, 13 yards or thereby.

Letter from Clerk to Avondale Parish Council.

There was submitted a letter from the Clerk to Avondale Parish Council of date 22nd February, 1913, directing attention to the necessity of having Ryeland Station Road taken over as a highway as soon as possible.

Arrangement with Caledonian Railway Company regarding railway bridge.

As relative to the proposal to add Ryeland Station Road to the list of highways, the Clerk directed the attention of the meeting to the terms of the minute of the meeting of the Committee of the First Division of the Middle Ward, of date 29th November last, relating to the suggested arrangement with the Caledonian Railway Company as regards the railway bridge.

The meeting, after consideration, and in view of the large contribution which the Railway Company had given towards the cost of the initial repair of the road, agreed that the Company be relieved of the liability for the future maintenance of the road over the bridge and the approaches thereto on the understanding, however, that the maintenance of the fabric of the bridge itself was one which would rest with the Company.

Road Improvements.

On the recommendation of the District Committee of the Middle Ward, the Board approved of the following road improvements, viz.:—

(1) An improvement at the junction of the Glasgow and Carlisle Highway and the Machan Highway at Larkhail, in the parish of Dalserf, at an estimated cost of £30;

(2) The widening and improvement of the Lanark and Hamilton Highway at Highlees, in the Parish of Dalserf, at an estimated cost of £50;

(3) The widening and improvement at the junction of the Shieldhill and Upperton Highways, near Longriggend Hospital, in the parish of New Monkland, at an estimated cost of £60;

(4) The widening and improvement of the Brousterland Brae on the Auldhouse Road, East Kilbride, at an estimated cost of £157;

(5) The widening and improvement of the Calderhead and Hillhouseridge Highway at Dykehead, in the parish of Shotts, at an estimated cost of £85.

Lighting of Vehicles Act, 1907.

There was submitted a communication from the Clerk to the Lower Ward District Committee, of date 4th February, 1913, stating that the District Committee had resolved to recommend the County Council to endeavour to have the Lighting of Vehicles Act, 1907, made applicable to Scotland.

Recommendation by Lower District Committee.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that this matter had previously been considered by the Board, and was presently under the consideration of the County Councils Association, and he submitted a copy of a report which he had, as instructed by the Association, prepared on the powers possessed by the County Authorities in Scotland in regard to the carrying of Lights on Vehicles.

Consideration continued.

The meeting, having further discussed the question, continued consideration of it, the Clerk intimating that he would furnish each member of the Board with a copy of the Report.

Studs on Traction Engine Wheels.—Communication from Secretary for Old Monkland Agricultural Society.

There was submitted a communication from the Secretary of the Old Monkland Agricultural Society, of date 12th February, intimating a complaint on behalf of the Society against the regulations of the District Committe, prohibiting the use of studs on traction engine wheels, and asking the County Council to receive a deputation from the Society on the subject.

The Clerk having reminded the meeting of the attitude taken up by the Board on a similar complaint, the meeting, after consideration, agreed that, as this question was one which affected the maintenance of the roads, it should be dealt with by the respective District Committees, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

Speed of Motor Cars.—Communications from Cadder Parish Council and Stepps Rateayers' Association.

There were submitted communications from (1) Clerk to Cadder Parish Council, dated 8th January, 1913; and (2) Secretary to Stepps Ratepayers' Association, dated 28th January, 1913, regarding the speed of motor cars passing through the villages in the parish of Cadder, and requesting the County Council to make regulations under section 9 of the Motor Car Act, 1903, restricting the speed of motor cars in passing through these villages to ten miles per hour.

The Clerk having reminded the meeting of the steps recently taken in connection with this matter, consideration of it was continued.

Condition of fencing at quarries at Auchentibber, High Blantyre.

The Clerk stated that his attention having been directed to the unsatisfactory condition of the fencing at Hartfield, Stewartfield, and Earnock Quarries, at Auchentibber, High Blantyre, which adjoin the Parkneuk and Hartfield Highway and Newhouse Mill Highway, and which has become a source of danger to the public, he had asked the Engineer to make an inspection of the place, and submitted a report by him together with relative plan.

The meeting, after consideration, instructed the Clerk to call upon the proprietors, in terms of section 27 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1908, to have the fences put into a proper state of repair, and to intimate that failing their doing so within a reasonable time the County Council would themselves, in exercise of their powers, do so at the proprietors' expense.

COUNTY ROAD BOARD.

30th April, 1913.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 30th April, 1913, being a Meeting of the County Road Board of the County of Lanark.

Present—

John Adam.	W. W. Chapman.
James Anderson.	Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
J. Raeside Auld.	Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
William Barr.	William Neilson.
James Cameron.	James C. Pollok.
Walter C. B. Christie.	William Speirs.

John Todd.

Chairman.

In the absence of Colonel King Stewart, chairman of the Board, Mr Neilson was appointed chairman of the meeting.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice, which was in the following terms, viz. :—

COUNTY OF LANARK.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 24th April, 1913.

Sir,

COUNTY ROAD BOARD.

I am to request your attendance at a Meeting of this Board, to be held in the County Buildings, Glasgow, on *Wednesday next, 30th current, at two o'clock p.m.*, on the undernoted business.

A print of the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Board is sent herewith.

Your obedient Servant,

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

NOTE OF BUSINESS.

Consider, and if so resolved, recommend the County Council to declare that the following roads in the District of the Lower Ward shall be Highways within the meaning and for the purposes of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, viz. :—

Parishes of Cadder and Glasgow.

(1) Brackenbrae Road, from Kirkintilloch Road to Brackenbrae Avenue, a distance of 152 yards or thereby.

(2) Brackenbrae Avenue, from Kenmure Avenue to a point about 123 yards south westwards from Brackenbrae Road, a distance of 1 furlong 211 yards or thereby.

(3) Kenmure Avenue, from Kirkintilloch Road to Brackenbrae Avenue, a distance of 162 yards or thereby.

Recommendations by the Middle Ward District Committee relative to the following road improvements.

(1) The widening and improvement of Caldercruix Highway opposite Caldercruix Parish Church, in the Parish of Shotts—£50.

(2) Widening of East and West Highway, and others, with the aid of grants from the Imperial Road Board—£828.

Lights on Vehicles.—(Print of draft report on powers possessed by County Authorities in Scotland sent herewith).

Applications for grants under the Development and Road Improvement Funds Act, 1909.

Any other competent business.

Minutes of last meeting.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board, of date 26th February, which had been printed and sent to each member of the Board, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Roads recommended to be adopted as highways.

There having been submitted recommendations by the District Committee of the Lower Ward in regard to the addition of certain roads to the list of highways as specified in the notice calling the meeting, and the meeting, having considered the same, agreed that the Road Surveyor, having certified the roads in question to be in a satisfactory condition to be taken over, the County Council should be recommended that the following roads be declared to be highways within the meaning and for the purposes of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, and as such be added to the list of Roads, Highways and Bridges made up in terms of Section 41 thereof, viz. :—

PARISHES OF CADDER AND GLASGOW.

(1) Brackenbrae Road from Kirkintilloch Road to Brackenbrae Avenue, a distance of 152 yards or thereby.
(2) Brackenbrae Avenue from Kenmure Avenue to a point about 123 yards south westwards from Brackenbrae Road, a distance of 1 furlong, 211 yards or thereby.
(3) Kenmure Avenue from Kirkintilloch Road to Brackenbrae Avenue, a distance of 162 yards or thereby.

Road improvements.

On the recommendation of the District Committee of the Middle Ward, the meeting approved of the following road improvements, viz. :—

	Estimated cost.
(1) Improvement of Caldercruix Highway at, ...	£50
(2) Widening of east and west highway at boundary with Ayrshire, ...	161
(3) Widening of east and west highway at Strathaven, ...	41
(4) Widening Strathaven and East Kilbride Highway in Parish of Glasford and Glasgow and Muirkirk Highway, ...	86
(5) Widening Strathaven and Muirkirk Highway in Parish of Avondale, ...	167
(6) Widening of Edinburgh Highway between Duntilland Road and Dewshill, ...	113
(7) Improvement of Strathaven and Muirkirk Highway at corner of Barn Street and Green Street, Strathaven, ...	260

Lights on vehicles—Report by Association of County Council.

The Clerk stated that he had sent to each member of the Board a Report which had been prepared for the County Councils Association on the powers possessed by County Authorities in Scotland in regard to the carrying of lights on vehicles.

Report by Clerk on statutory enactments relating to regulation of traffic on roads.

He also submitted to the meeting a Report (Appendix) which he had prepared in accordance with the remit made to him by the Board at their meeting on 20th November last on the statutory enactments relating to the regulation of traffic on roads, of which a copy had been sent to each member of the Board.

Remit to committee.

The meeting, after discussion, appointed the following Committee to consider the whole question of the regulation of traffic on roads, including that of heavy motor and other vehicular traffic, and to report to a future meeting of the Board, viz. :—

John Adam.
James Anderson.
James Cameron.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
William Neilson.
James C. Pollok.
Colonel King Stewart.
John Todd.
James C. Hope Vere

The Convener to be chairman of the Committee and three a quorum.

Permanent International Association of Road Congresses.—Congress at London.—Invitation to appoint delegates.

There was submitted to the meeting a communication from the Secretary of the Permanent International Association of Road Congresses inviting this County Council to appoint delegates to attend the Third International Road Congress to be held in London on 23rd to 28th June next.

Statement by Clerk.

As relative to this matter the Clerk stated that, while in England the Local Government Board had indicated that they would be prepared to entertain applications for the sanction of the payment of reasonable expenses incurred by Road Surveyors attending the Congress no indication had been given by the Secretary for Scotland on this point, nor as to whether he would be prepared to sanction the expenses of any members appointed by Road Authorities to attend the Congress.

Appointment of delegates delayed meantime. — Clerk to communicate with Secretary for Scotland.

The meeting agreed that the question of the appointment of delegates be delayed, and meantime instructed the Clerk to endeavour to ascertain the views of the Scottish Office in the matter.

Communication from Secretary for Scotland re studs on wheels of traction engines.

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting the Clerk submitted the following communications from the Under-Secretary for Scotland, viz. :—

(1) of date 12th March transmitting copies of letters by Mr. John Gilmour, Bellshill, and Mr. Allan Meikle, Tollcross, on the subject of the use of studs on the wheels of traction engines, which had been forwarded to him by Mr. Duncan Millar, M.P., and

(2) of date 21st April transmitting copy of a letter from Mr. J. A. Reid, Airdrie, forwarding a resolution passed by the New Monkland Agricultural Society on the same subject.

The Clerk stated that he had already transmitted a copy of the former communication to the several District Committees, who were now dealing with the matter, and he proposed to forward to them also copies of the latter, and the meeting approved.

Communication from Scottish Automobile Club re sign-posting of main trunk roads.

The Clerk submitted and read to the meeting a communication from the Secretary of the Scottish Automobile Club, of date 27h March stating that the Postmaster General had given his consent to the use of telegraph poles for the attachment of indication signs on the main trunk roads subject to the consent of Local Authorities, and requesting approval of the County Council in repect of the placing of signs at certain points specified in the letter. He also stated that the Automobile Club would be prepared to carry out any provisions which the County Council may make as to the mode of fixing the signs and to see the work carried out in the most satisfactory manner possible.

The meeting saw no objection to granting the consent asked for and instructed the Clerk to communicate with the District Committees concerned.

Grant from Imperial Road Board.

The Clerk reported to the meeting the receipt from the Imperial Road Board of a sum of £3,489, being the aggregate amount of first instalment of grants in respect of certain roads in the Middle Ward District of the County.

Further applications for grants.—Communications from District Committees.

He also reported that he had communicated with the several District Committees enquiring whether they had any proposals to submit to this Board at the present time with regard to further applications for grants and that he had received the following communications, viz. :—

(1) The Upper Ward District Committee, of date, 24th April, stating that as there was still to complete a considerable amount of tar-grouting work for which grants had already been allowed, and having been advised that claims would be considered by the Imperial Road Board at any time of the year, they were satisfied that there was no immediate hurry in claiming for work which, with their present plant, could not be taken up for some time yet.

(2) Lower Ward District Committee, of date, 7th March, transmitting applications for Grants in respect of the following work for the current year:—

(i.) (*a*) Tar macadam work on the Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch Roads. Total extent treated, 10,509 sq. yds. Estimated cost, ...	£880	10	7
Deduct cost which would have been incurred in surfacing the carriage-way with the same material as existing surface without improvement, ...	445	13	6
Making the net cost attributable to the improvement, ...	£434	17	1
(*b*) Tar spraying of various roads within the district, the extent in sq. yds., being 99,000. Estimated cost, ...	£825	0	0
(ii) Applications relating to work proposed to be carried out during the ensuing year:—			
(*a*) Tar macadam work on further portions of Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch Roads. Estimated cost,	1,669	0	0
(*b*) Tar spraying of surface of roads not formerly treated, ...	696	0	0
(*c*) Tar spraying of roads already treated, ...	191	0	0
(*d*) Tar-macadam work on roads previously treated, ...	278	0	0
Making a total of, ...	£2,834	0	0

The Clerk stated that he had not so far received any reply to his communication from the District Committee of the Middle Ward.

The meeting agreed that applications be made to the Imperial Road Board for grants in respect of the several improvements in the Lower Ward District, above specified, and instructed accordingly.

Clerk instructed to make application for grants in respect of road improvements in Lower Ward.

APPENDIX.

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COUNTY OF LANARK.

REPORT

ON

STATUTORY ENACTMENTS relating to the REGULATION OF TRAFFIC ON ROADS.

Complaints regarding heavy motor vehicles. — Communication from Chief Constable."

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of the County Road Board of date 20th November, 1912:—

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"The Clerk submitted a communication from the Chief Constable of the County, of date 28th October, stating that he had received complaints of the difficulty experienced by motorists and others in attracting the attention of the drivers of traction engines and heavy motor lorries, when they desire to pass; that these heavy vehicles keep the crown of the road, with the result that on narrow roads other traffic cannot pass until they draw to one side; and, further, that, owing to the noise, the drivers cannot hear overtaking motors or carriages. The Chief Constable accordingly suggested that powers should be obtained to compel heavy motor vehicles to have mirrors fitted to reflect the road behind them.

"The Clerk having explained that while English County Councils had power to make bye-laws relative to all vehicles, the powers of County Councils in Scotland in this matter were somewhat restricted, the meeting, after consideration, expressed the view that the present law as affecting the road traffic was most unsatisfactory, and remitted to the Clerk to take such steps as he might consider necessary with a view to a thorough revision of the statutes dealing with the subject."

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As mentioned in the excerpt from the minute of the County Road Board above quoted, the powers of County Councils in Scotland in the matter of traffic regulation are comparatively restricted.

In addition to their power to enforce the statutory Regulations contained in Sections 96, 97, 98, and 99 of the Turnpikes Road Act of 1831, 1 and 2 Will. IV., cap. 43, as incorporated in the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, Appendix I., County Councils are by Section 104 (1) of the latter Act empowered with authority of the Sheriff from time to time to make Bye-laws "for the general regulation of traffic on highways."

The provisions of the General Turnpike Roads Act and Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, are, by Section 12 of the Locomotives Act, 1861, in so far as not expressly altered or repealed by or inconsistent with that Act, declared to be applicable to all locomotives propelled by other than animal power, and to all waggons, wains, carts, and carriages of any other description drawn by such locomotive, and to the owners, drivers, and attendants thereof. Accordingly, the power to make Bye-laws contained in Section 104 (1) of the Roads and Bridges Act, 1878, seems to extend to making Bye-laws for the general regulation of Locomotive Traffic, but such Bye-laws could not be inconsistent with the Statutes specially dealing with locomotives.

In addition to this general power to make Bye-laws applicable to all classes of traffic, County Councils have, under two of the Statutes passed with reference to locomotives, power to make Bye-laws for certain special purposes, thus:—

Under the Locomotives Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1878, Section 6, the Road Authority of any county or burgh may make Bye-laws as to the hours during which locomotives are not to pass over the highways situate within the areas respectively above mentioned, the hours being in all cases consecutive hours and no more than eight out of the twenty-four, and for regulating the use of locomotives upon any highway, or preventing or regulating such use upon every bridge where such authority is satisfied that such use would be attended with damage to the public from the narrowness, inclination, or imperfect construction of such highway or bridge respectively, and any person in charge of a locomotive acting contrary to such Bye-laws shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £5; and

Under the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, Section 1 (1) there are exempted from the provisions of—

The Locomotives Act, 1861, except so much of Section 1 as relates to tolls on locomotives, Section 7 (damage caused by locomotives to bridges to be made good by owners, &c.) and Section 13 (right of indictment or action in case of nuisance);

The Locomotives Act, 1865;

The Locomotives Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1878; and

Any other enactment restricting the use of locomotives on highways, and contained in any public, general, or local and personal Act in force at the passing of the 1896 Act;

vehicles propelled by mechanical power if under three tons in weight, unladen, and not used for the purpose of drawing more than one vehicle (such vehicle with its locomotive not to exceed in weight unladen four tons), and so constructed that no smoke or visible vapour is emitted therefrom except from any temporary or accidental cause. Vehicles so exempted, whether locomotives or drawn by locomotives, are referred to in the Act of 1896 as light locomotives.

The effect of this exemption would appear to be that the provisions of the General Turnpike Roads Act and Roads and Bridges Act would not be directly applied to light locomotives by Section 12 of the Locomotives Act, 1861, and that Bye-laws made under the Locomotives Act, 1861, and the Locomotives Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1878, could not be made applicable to light locomotives.

The Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, however, also provides:—

By Section 1 (1) (*a*) That the Road Authority of any county shall have power to make Bye-laws preventing or restricting the use of such locomotives (*i.e.*, light locomotives) upon any bridge within their area, where such Local Authority are satisfied that such use would be attended with damage to the bridge or danger to the public; and

By Section 1 (1) (*b*) That a light locomotive shall be deemed to be a carriage within the meaning of any Act of Parliament, whether public, general, or local, and of any rule, regulation, or bye-law made under any Act of Parliament, and, if used as a carriage of any particular class, shall be deemed to be a carriage of that class, and the law relating to carriages of that class shall apply accordingly.

While, therefore, light locomotives are expressly exempt from the special legislation applicable to other locomotives, the provisions of Section 1 (1) (*b*) of the Act of 1896, enabling them to be dealt with as carriages, would seem to bring them within the ambit not only of the statutory Regulations contained in the Sections

of the Act 1 and 2, Will. IV., cap 43, incorporated in the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, but also of any bye-laws made for carriages under Section 104 (1) of the latter Act, so far as these were not inconsistent with special legislation applicable to light locomotives. It may be explained that under the Motor Car Act, 1903, the expression "motor car" is defined to mean practically "light locomotive," and for the purposes of this Report these expressions may be regarded as synonymous.

While it has been thought fitting to explain that County Councils possess these powers to make Bye-laws with reference to the case of traffic generally, the main question at the moment is the more limited one of the powers possessed by County Authorities in Scotland in regard to the carrying of lights by vehicles, and it is proposed to deal with this aspect of the matter more fully.

The lighting of vehicles in Scotland has not hitherto been the subject of general legislation, as is evidenced by the fact that there is no statute under which, in Scotch Counties, vehicles generally are expressly compelled to carry lights.

While this is the case as regards vehicles in general, the development of modern traffic has rendered legislation necessary to deal with special classes of vehicles such as cycles, locomotives, and motors. Accordingly there have been passed the following enactments:—

The Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, Section 57, makes it compulsory for bicycles, tricycles, velocipedes, and other similar machines to carry lights between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, and also contains provisions for persons using such machines giving foot-passengers and others audible warning of their approach.

The Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1908, Section 25 (3) and (4), as read along with the Locomotives Act, 1865, Section (3) (6)), renders it obligatory to have on each locomotive 2 head lights and a red rear light, or if the locomotive is drawing waggons a red rear light on the last waggon.

The Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, Section 2, renders it compulsory for light locomotives, which include motor cars, to carry one lamp in accordance with regulations to be made by Secretary for Scotland. Under this Section regulations have been made rendering it necessary for motor cars to carry a lamp on the off or right side showing a white light to the front and a red light to the rear, but where a lamp is carried showing a red light to the rear the lamp on the off or right side need only show a white light to the front.

The want of express statutory authority to compel, in Counties, the carrying of lights by vehicles other than the special classes above mentioned has been so far met by County Councils making Bye-laws under Section 104 (1) of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, above referred to.

The words "general regulation of traffic" are very wide, and have been read as authorising County Councils to make Bye-laws rendering it compulsory for vehicles to carry lights.

There is appended a Table showing the extent to which Bye-laws have been made under this section by County Councils in Scotland. These Bye-laws, it will be seen, vary considerably. With two exceptions they are confined to providing for the carrying of head or fore lights by vehicles on springs, or, in some cases, to all vehicles if proceeding at certain specified varying speeds beyond a walking pace. In two cases, Mid-Lothian and Selkirk, the Bye-laws deal with the problem of loads projecting to the rear.

The law regarding lights on vehicles has been placed on a much more definite basis in England. In addition to the provisions of the Local Government Act of 1888, the Locomotives on Highways Acts, and of Regulations

made by the Local Government Board under Section 2 of the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, which place bicycles, locomotives, and motors on a similar footing as regards lights in England to that which they occupy in Scotland, there is in force in England the Lights on Vehicles Act, 1907. This Act was originally designed to apply to Scotland also, but the reference to Scotland was, as the result of opposition, dropped from the Bill.

Under the Lights on Vehicles Act, 1907, it is compulsory for *every* vehicle in any street, highway, or road in England to which the public have access during the period between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise to be provided with a lamp or lamps displaying to the front a white light visible for a reasonable distance. If one lamp is provided it must be placed on the right side, and if the lamp or lamps permit a light to be seen from the rear, that light is to be red (Section 1 (1)).

If a vehicle is used for carrying timber or any load projecting more than six feet to the rear, it must be provided with a lamp or lamps displaying to the rear a red light visible for a reasonable distance (Section 1 (2)).

Borough Councils may, by Order approved by the Secretary of State, exempt from the operation of the Act vehicles carrying inflammable goods (Section 3).

County Councils may by Order exempt from the operation of the Act vehicles carrying in the course of harvesting operations any farm produce to stack or barn during such periods in the year as may be specified in the Order, either throughout the whole county or in part only of it. Such an Order does not require confirmation by the Secretary of State, but a copy must be sent to him and must be brought to the notice of the public by advertisement or otherwise (Section 4).

The Act does not apply to bicycles, locomotives, motors which are dealt in by previous legislation, or to vehicles drawn by hand (Section 5 (1)), but it applies to any machine or implement of any kind drawn by animal traction (Section 5 (2)).

The Act further does not abrogate the power of local authorities to make Bye-laws in virtue of other statutes imposing obligations additional to those imposed by the Act (Section 5 (3)).

An example of how this reserved power may be exercised is seen in a Bye-law passed by the County Council of Warwick in November, 1911, making it compulsory for all vehicles to carry, in addition to head or fore lights, either (*a*) lamps or a lamp showing a red light to the rear, or (*b*) a reflector capable of reflecting a red light from the light carried by a vehicle approaching from behind.

In this connection it may be pointed out that Scottish Burghs are, under Section 50 of the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1903, subject to practically the same provisions as are contained in Section 1 of the Lights on Vehicles Act, 1907.

The present state of matters in Scotland cannot be considered satisfactory. In the absence of any statutory provisions each County Council is free to make such Bye-laws as it may think fit, or may make no Bye-laws at all.

The great increase in motor traction for commercial as well as touring purposes has admittedly created new conditions which render it necessary for Counties to reconsider the whole position of the Lighting of Vehicles. The question is made more difficult in Counties by the fact that the exigencies of traffic connected with agricultural operations bulk so largely in the problem. Regulations which may be reasonably capable of being complied with by carts or waggons passing along a public road from one town or village to another may cause much inconvenience if applied to farm vehicles emerging from a field or farm road to pass across or a short distance along a highway in order to enter another field or farm road, and this inconvenience may be accentuated by the nature of the load or the character of the operations in which the cart or

waggon is employed. At the same time an unlighted farm vehicle emerging from a field or farm road may be a source of great danger to other traffic. Other sources of danger to traffic on county roads are the presence of cattle or other farm stock and the carrying of loads projecting beyond the sides or rear of the vehicle.

Any regulations compelling the carrying of lights on vehicles must recognise these difficulties. Such Regulations, while being sufficiently stringent to afford adequate protection to ordinary fast traffic should also be capable of being fairly complied with by those engaged in agriculture.

The terms of Section 104 (1) of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, quoted above, are, as has been said, very wide and general. Looking to the Bye-laws already made under it, there seems no reason why County Councils should not pass further Bye-laws of such a nature as will suit modern conditions. Assuming that County Councils are prepared to extend the use of their powers under Section 104 (1), there remains the difficulty of framing Bye-laws which would be generally acceptable and would be as little burdensome as is possible to the various interests involved.

As a basis for discussion, there are suggested the following Bye-laws:—

"1. Every vehicle drawn by animal power which shall be on any highway during the period between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise shall be provided—

(1) with a lamp or lamps so constructed and placed and so lighted and kept lighted as to display to the front a white light and to the rear a red light visible for a reasonable distance, or

(2) with—

(*a*) a lamp or lamps so constructed and placed and so lighted and kept lighted as to display to the front a white light visible for a reasonable distance, and—

(*b*) with either

(i.) a lamp or lamps so constructed and placed and so lighted and kept lighted as to display to the rear a red light visible for a reasonable distance, or

(ii.) a reflector or reflectors at least 1½ inches wide, so constructed and capable of being so attached to such vehicle as to reflect a red light from a light carried by a vehicle approaching from behind;

(3) Where such vehicle is being used for the purpose of carrying timber or any load projecting more than six feet to the rear, it shall, in addition to the above-mentioned lamps or reflectors, be provided with a lamp or lamps so lighted and kept lighted as to display to the rear a red light visible for a reasonable distance, or a reflector or reflectors of the dimensions above specified, capable of reflecting a red light from a light carried by a vehicle approaching from behind, which lamps or reflectors shall be so placed as to show the extent to which the timber or load projects behind the vehicle.

Where only one lamp or one reflector is provided for any of the purposes above mentioned, such lamp or reflector shall be placed on the extreme off or right side of the vehicle.

2. Every such vehicle and every vehicle propelled by mechanical means being on any highway during such period carrying trees, timber, wooden or metal bars, or other load projecting beyond the sides of the vehicle,

shall be provided with a lamp or lamps so constructed and placed as to show the furthest out projection on each side of the vehicle, and so lighted and kept lighted as to display to the front a white light and to the rear a red light visible for a reasonable distance, or in lieu thereof a lamp or lamps so lighted and kept lighted as to display to the front a white light, and a reflector or reflectors of the dimensions above specified capable of reflecting a red light from a light carried by a vehicle approaching from behind, each so constructed and placed as to show the furthest out projection at each side of the vehicle, provided that where any vehicle drawn by animal power is provided with a lamp or lamps or a reflector or reflectors in terms of this Bye-law, it shall not be necessary for such vehicle also to comply with the provisions of Sub-sections (1) or (2) of Bye-law No. 1 hereof.

3. In these Bye-laws the expression "vehicle drawn by animal power" shall not be held to apply to any farm cart, waggon, or implement on wheels passing, in the course of farming operations, over a highway from one part of a farm to another part thereof.

4. Any person who shall drive or be in charge of any vehicle drawn by animal power not provided with a lamp or lamps or a reflector or reflectors in accordance with the foregoing Bye-laws upon any highway during the period aforesaid shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings."

Should any County Council think it expedient to exclude farm vehicles entirely from the operation of the Bye-laws, this can be done by deleting from Bye-law No. 3 the words from "passing" to the end of the Bye-law.

Assuming that Bye-laws can be adjusted in such terms as to meet all interests, it is submitted that to be really useful they must be generally adopted by County Councils. Additional Bye-laws, unless more or less applicable throughout the whole country, would only add to the existing inconvenience. The driver of a vehicle passing from one county to another would not know what was expected in the way of lights from the traffic using the roads.

If County Councils, however, were able to come to an agreement to adopt Bye-laws comparatively uniform in nature, there would still remain the necessity of having these confirmed for each County by the Sheriff. It is conceivable that different Sheriffs might take divergent views as to the reasonableness of the Bye-laws, though if there was a general consensus on the point among County Councils the danger of a Sheriff refusing confirmation need not be apprehended.

The alternative to the general adoption of model Bye-laws by County Councils is the promotion of fresh legislation. In that event it is suggested that such legislation should follow the lines of the Lights on Vehicles Act of 1907.

Suggestions have frequently been made that in addition to modifying the Regulations in regard to the carrying of lights by vehicles, provision should be made to deal with the question of obviating the danger to and providing against the risk to traffic caused by sheep and other farm stock being driven along the roads after dark. The advent of quick motor traffic has undoubtedly brought this question to the front, and there is force in the contention that in the interests of stock owners, and also for the protection of the public using motor cars, some means should be found for the purpose of giving warning that such stock is on the road. This could be effected by providing that the person in charge should carry a light of a distinctive colour such as green. Should there be a general consensus of opinion in favour of such a Bye-law being made, one might be framed in the following terms:—

Any person who shall drive or be in charge of any sheep, cattle, or farm stock on any highway during the period between one hour after sunset and one

hour before sunrise shall carry or display a lamp so constructed and so lighted and kept lighted as to be capable of showing a light visible for a reasonable distance.

With reference to the point raised by the Chief Constable as to the necessity for heavy motors having mirrors fitted to reflect overtaking traffic in order that the drivers of such motors may be informed of the approach of the traffic, and make way for it by drawing to the side of the road, it may be pointed out that under Section III. (3) of the Locomotives Act, 1865, the drivers of locomotives (*i.e.*, other than light locomotives) are bound to give as much space as possible for the passing of other traffic. Further, under Section 97 of the Act 1 and 2 Will. IV., cap. 43, "if the driver of any sort of carriage shall not keep to the left or near side of such road on meeting or on being overtaken by any other carriage or any rider, or shall wilfully prevent any other person passing him or his carriage, such driver shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five pounds. . . . . ." These statutory provisions seem to be sufficient to meet the case of wilful obstruction, but they offer no remedy for the case of innocent failure on the part of the driver of a locomotive either from the construction of his vehicle or the noise of the machinery to detect the approach of overtaking traffic. If, as is submitted, it is competent to the County Council under Section 104 (1) of the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, to make a Bye-law rendering it compulsory for heavy motors to carry reflectors such as suggested by the Chief Constable, such a Bye-law might be in the following terms :—

"Every locomotive except light locomotives within the meaning of the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, Section (1), being upon any highway shall have attached thereto a reflector or reflectors not less than four inches in diameter, and so constructed and placed as to enable the driver of such locomotive without leaving the driving seat to have an adequate view of the road to the rear, and of any traffic thereon."

It is assumed that no necessity exists for including in this Bye-law light locomotives, but should it be considered desirable to embrace these vehicles also, all that is required is to substitute the word "including" for the word "except" in the first line of the Bye-law.

The observations already made with reference to the comfirmation of Lighting Bye-laws by the Sheriff, and the desirability of uniformity throughout the country would apply equally to the case of a Bye-law prescribing the carrying of a reflector or reflectors.

TABLE SHOWING NATURE OF BYE-LAWS REGULATING LIGHTS ON VEHICLES IN FORCE IN VARIOUS COUNTIES IN SCOTLAND.

NAME OF COUNTY.	REQUIREMENTS OF BYE-LAWS.
Caithness, ...	Vehicles upon springs to carry lamp on each side.
Clackmannan, ...	Do. do.
Forfar, ...	Do. do.
Kincardine, ...	Do. do.
Linlithgow, ...	Do. do.
Stirling, ...	Do. do.
Argyll, ...	Do. do.
Aberdeen, ...	Vehicles upon springs to carry lamp on each side except during months of May, June, and July.
Wigtown, ...	Do. do. do.
Fife, ...	Vehicles on springs drawn by animal power, or if not on springs travelling at a rate of over four miles per hour to carry a light.
Kinross, ...	Do. do. do.

Name of County.	Requirements of Bye-laws.
Dunbarton, ...	Vehicles upon springs to carry one lamp on each side. Vehicles not on springs to proceed at a walking pace.
Lanark, ...	Do. do. do.
Zetland, ...	Do. do. do. (But restriction to walking pace applies only to vehicles not on springs and not lighted).
Haddington, ...	Vehicles drawn by animal power proceeding faster than a walking pace to carry a lamp on each side.
Ayr, ...	Vehicles on springs to carry lamp on each side. Carts loaded with wood of any description to carry lamps showing furthest point of projection on each side. Vehicles not on springs to proceed only at a walking pace.
Roxburgh, ...	Do. do. do. (But restriction to walking pace applies only to vehicles not on springs and not lighted).
Peebles, ...	Do. do. do.
Perth, ...	Do. do. do.
Berwick, ...	Vehicles upon springs to carry lamp on each side except between 20th May and 20th July, and also except on highways within Burghs of Duns, Eyemouth, and Lauder. Waggons, carts, or carriages carrying timber, trees, or projecting iron bars to carry lamps showing furthest point of projection on each side, except between dates and on roads in burghs above mentioned. Vehicles not on springs to proceed at walking pace unless lighted.
Kirkcudbright, ...	Similar Bye-laws to Berwick, but Bye-laws do not apply during months of May, June, and July, unless between two hours after sunset and two hours before sunrise. Further, vehicles not on springs are to proceed only at a walking pace.
Dumfries, ...	Do. do. do.
Orkney, ...	Do. do. do., but Bye-laws only apply to period between 16th August and 15th April.
Inverness, ...	Vehicles on springs to carry a lamp on each side. Exemptions for (1) lorries, (2) open vans and carts weighing over 6 cwts., with horses, carrying cart-harness, and proceeding at a walking pace.
Renfrew, ...	Two-wheeled vehicles on springs or four-wheeled vehicles with or without springs to carry a lamp or lamps. If one lamp only is carried it must be carried on the extreme right or offside.
Midlothian, ...	Any vehicle going at a faster rate than a walking pace to carry a lamp on each side. Any waggon, cart, or other carriage loaded with timber, trees, or other material projecting more than five feet in rear to carry a lamp attached showing furthest out point of such projection.
Selkirk, ...	Vehicles on springs to carry lamp on each side (except within Burghs of Selkirk and Galashiels). Waggons, carts, or carriages (except between 20th May and 20th July, and except within Burghs of Selkirk and Galashiels) carrying timber, trees, or iron bars projecting beyond sides or end to carry lamps showing furthest point of projection on each side, and one light at extreme projection behind.

Note.—In every case, except to the limited extent mentioned in the Kirkcudbright Bye-law, the Bye-laws provide for lamps being carried between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise. The Bye-laws also provide that the lamps are to exhibit a light in the direction in which the vehicle is proceeding. Only in the cases of Midlothian and Selkirk are there any provisions for a rear light.

No Bye-laws have been made regarding lights on vehicles in the Counties of Elgin, Nairn, Ross and Cromarty, and Sutherland.

APPENDIX.

Excerpt from 1 and 2 Will. IV., cap. 43.

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Penalty on persons committing nuisance.

96. And be it enacted, that if any person shall ride upon any footpath or causeway on or by the side of any turnpike road made or set apart for the use or accommodation of foot passengers, or shall lead or drive any horse, ass, mule, swine, or cattle, or carriage of any description, or any wheelbarrow, truck, or sledge, or any single wheel of any waggon, cart, or carriage apart therefrom, upon any such footpath or causeway; or shall wilfully obstruct or do or cause any injury or damage to be done to the same, or to the hedges, posts, rails, or fences thereof; or shall wilfully pull down or damage any bridge, wall, toll-bar, or any building, fence, or erection made by the trustees of any turnpike road or repaired or repairable by them; or shall break, injure, remove, or displace any tools, trestles, bars, stones, materials, or other article whatsoever belonging to such trustees, or used on any such road under their authority; or shall haul or draw or cause to be hauled or drawn upon any part of any turnpike road any timber, stone, or other thing otherwise than upon a wheeled carriage, or shall suffer any timber, stone, or other thing which shall be carried principally or in part upon a wheeled carriage to drag or trail upon such road; or in ploughing or harrowing any adjacent unenclosed land shall turn any horse, plough, or harrow in or upon any such road or the side drains or ditches thereof; or shall, in or upon such road, or by the side or sides thereof, or in any exposed situation near thereto, kill, slaughter, singe, scald, burn, dress, or cut up any beast, swine, calf, lamb, or other cattle; or if any person driving any carriage, cart, horse, or other beast on the said road, conveying any iron bar or rod, tree, wood, stone, basket, or pannier, or any other matter or thing, except hay and straw, suffer the same to project by more than thirty inches from the side of such horse or other beast, or more than one foot laterally beyond the wheels of such carriage, or so as in any manner to obstruct or impede the passage of any person, or any horse, beast, or carriage travelling along such turnpike road; or if any person shall carry any timber or other article above twenty-five feet long on any cart or carriage not having more than two wheels; or if any hawker, higgler, gipsy, or other person shall pitch any tent or encamp upon or by the sides of any part of any turnpike road; or if any person occupying or using a blacksmith's shop, foundry, smelting-house, iron or brass work, boiler-making work, glass work, soda, soap, or chemical work, shall not, by good and close shutters, every evening, after it becomes twilight or otherwise, bar and prevent the light from such shop shining into or upon the said road, and from being dangerous or detrimental to travellers; or if any person shall make, or assist in making, any fire or fires commonly called bonfires, or shall set fire to or let off or throw any squib, rocket, serpent, or other firework whatsoever, within one hundred feet of the centre of such road, or shall discharge any gun, pistol, or other fire-arms, fly kites, or bait or run for the purpose of baiting any bull, or play at football, tennis, fives, cricket, or any other game or games, upon such road or on the side or sides thereof, or in any exposed situation near thereto, to the annoyance of any passenger or passengers; or if any person shall leave any waggon, cart, or other carriage whatever, upon such road or on the side or sides thereof, without any proper person in the sole custody or care thereof, longer than may be necessary to load or unload the same, except in cases of accident, and in cases of accident for a longer time than may be necessary to remove the same, or shall not place such waggon or other carriage, during the time of loading or unloading the same, or of taking refreshments, as near to one side of the road as con-

veniently may be, either with or without any horse or beast of draught harnessed or yoked thereto; or shall lay any timber, stone, hay, straw, dung, manure, soil, ashes, rubbish, or other matter or thing whatsoever, upon such road or on the side or sides thereof or the footpaths or causeways adjoining; or shall hang or lay any linen clothes or other such article on any hedge, or fence of any such road; or shall suffer any water, filth, dirt, or other offensive matter or thing whatsoever, to run or flow into or upon such road or footpaths from any house, building, erection, lands, or premises adjacent thereto; or if any person driving any pigs or swine upon such road shall suffer such pigs or swine to root up or damage such road, or the fences, hedges, banks, or copse on either side thereof respectively; or if any person shall, after having blocked or stopped any cart, waggon, or other carriage, in going up a hill or rising ground, causes or suffers to be or remain on such road the stone or other thing with which such cart or other carriage shall have been blocked or stopped; or if any person shall pull down, damage, injure, or destroy any lamp or lamp-post put up, erected, or placed in or near the side of any turnpike road, or tollhouse erected thereon, or shall extinguish the light of any such lamp; every person offending in any of the cases aforesaid shall for each and every such offence forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding fifty shillings over and above the damages occasioned thereby.

Regulation of drivers.

97. And be it enacted, that if the driver of any cart, waggon, or other such carriage on any turnpike road shall ride on the shafts or in or on any other part of such carriage, without having and holding reins attached to each side of the bridle of each beast of draught drawing such cart or carriage, or shall at any time leave the same travelling on any such road without having some person to guide the beast or beasts of draught drawing the same, or shall allow to go at large any dog that may be attending him or his waggon, cart, or other such carriage, or shall not chain or fasten the same to such waggon, cart or carriage; or if the driver of any sort of carriage shall not keep to the left or near side of such road on meeting or on being overtaken by any other carriage or any rider, or shall wilfully prevent any other person passing him or his carriage; such driver shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five pounds over and above the damages occasioned thereby.

One driver may take charge of two carts.

98. And be it enacted, that if one person act as the driver of more than two carts, waggons, or other such carriages on any turnpike road, or if the hinder of two carts, waggons, or other such carriages, when under the care of only one person, shall be drawn by more than one horse, or if the horse of such hinder cart, waggon, or carriage shall not be attached by a rein to the back of the cart which shall be foremost, and follow in the same line therewith, the horse drawing such hinder cart not being permitted to be further from the foremost than six feet, the owner or driver of every such waggon, cart or other carriage shall, for each transgression in any of the points aforesaid, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding forty shillings.

Children not to drive carts, &c.

99. And be it enacted, that no waggon or cart travelling on any turnpike road shall be driven by any person who shall not be of the full age of fourteen years, under a penalty for each such offence not exceeding forty shillings, to be paid by the owner of such waggon or cart.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 26th February, 1913, being a Meeting of the Weights and Measures Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 26th February, 1913.

Present—

ALEXANDER HAMILTON. JAMES PRENTICE.
ROBERT LAMBIE. GAVIN A. SHANKS.
WILLIAM LOVE. WILLIAM SYM.
WILLIAM NEILSON. WILLIAM TEMPLETON.
JAMES TONNER.

Attending—

EDMUND DONALD, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Mr. Tonner, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 22nd January, 1913, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting the reports of the Inspectors for the month of January (Appendix I.), a summary of each of which had been sent to each member of the committee. *Inspectors' monthly reports.*

The Clerk submitted a note of the salaries of the Inspectors and of the wages of the Inspectors' Assistants, payment of which was authorised by the committee, subject to being passed by the Finance Committee, viz. :— *Inspectors' salaries, &c.*

INSPECTORS' SALARIES TO 15TH MARCH.

Chief Inspector, ...	£10	0	0
Inspector Chrystal, ...	12	10	0
Inspector Mitchell, ...	12	10	0
Inspector Paterson, ...	11	13	4
	£46	13	4

INSPECTORS' ASSISTANTS' WAGES TO 15TH FEBRUARY.

Inspector Chrystal, ...	£8	1	3
Inspector Mitchell, ...	6	11	3
Inspector Paterson, ...	7	1	3
	21	13	9
	£68	7	1

Inspectors' expenses, &c.

The meeting also passed for payment the following sums in respect of Inspectors' expenses, &c., viz. :—

Inspectors' Expenses to 15th February.

Chief Inspector, ...	£4	8	8
Inspector Chrystal, ...	8	17	11
Inspector Mitchell, ...	4	8	6
Inspector Paterson, ...	6	14	6
	£24	9	7

Salaries of Inspectors Chrystal and Mitchell.

The meeting having resumed consideration of the salaries of Inspectors Chrystal and Mitchell, the Clerk submitted a synopsis of information received from other Local Authorities (Appendix II.), a print of which he had sent to each member of the committee.

Motion by Mr. Prentice.

After discussion, Mr. Prentice moved that the salaries of Inspectors Chrystal and Mitchell be each increased from £150 to £160 per annum, which was seconded by Mr. Love.

Amendment by Mr. Lambie.

By way of amendment Mr. Lambie moved a direct negative, which was seconded by Mr. Sym.

Motion declared carried.

A vote having been taken by way of a show of hands, an equal number voted for the motion and amendment, whereupon the chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion, which he declared carried.

Wages of Inspector Mitchell's assistant.

There having been submitted an application by Mr. George Donald (Inspector Mitchell's assistant) for an increase of wages, the meeting, after consideration, agreed to increase his wages from 26s. to 28s. per week.

Short weight in retailing of goods.—Deputation from local authorities to President of Board of Trade.

There was submitted a communication from the Town-Clerk of Glasgow stating that the President of the Board of Trade had been asked to receive a deputation from the local authorities in England, Scotland, and Wales on the subject of short weight in retailing of goods, and that, in the event of the President granting an interview, it was proposed to hold a conference of local authorities favourable to the movement in London on the day prior to the interview with the President.

The meeting appointed the Chairman and the Clerk to represent this County Council at the proposed conference.

Contravention of Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892. — Information against Andrew Black, Rutherglen.

There was submitted information against Andrew Black, grocer, 59 Cambuslang Road, Rutherglen, for a contravention of Section 430 of the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, in respect that he had in his shop several parcels of meal made up, kept, or exposed for sale, and that he had incorrectly weighed or measured the same.

The Clerk stated that, with a view to a prosecution, the information had been sent to the Procurator-Fiscal for the Lower Ward District, who, however, had questioned the expediency of proceeding with the case in view of recent decisions in the Court of Justiciary in certain cases of a similar nature.

The Clerk having explained the effect of the decision of the Court of Justiciary in the case referred to, the meeting, after consideration, agreed to leave the matter in his hands.

APPENDIX I.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTORS' REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING 31s JANUARY, 1913

Verification Work

District.	Number of Weights, &c., submitted.	Correct.			Stamped.			Adjusted.		Rejected.		
		Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 2,	1,552	164	49	16	1,233	28	26	1,233	27	16	7	13
No 3,	1,028	35	—	12	930	6	31	930	—	10	—	4
No. 4,	1.263	74	15	6	1,121	18	14	1,121	14	5	3	7

Outdoor Inspection.

District.	Number of Visits.	Number of Weights, &c., examined.	Correct.			Incorrect.		
			Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 2,	52	696	164	366	48	84	8	16
,, 4,	119	1,878	1,042	635	174	3	10	14

Fees.

District.	Stamping.	Adjusting.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
No. 2,	9 2 6	10 9 2	19 11 8
,, 3,	6 14 9	8 0 9½	14 15 6½
,, 4,	7 0 10½	9 2 8	16 3 6½
	22 18 1½	27 12 7½	50 10 9

Case reported during the month.

John Campbell, Bellshill—Short measure in whisky—Case pending.

26th February, 1913.

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SYNOPSIS OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Name of Local Authority.	Population of District.	Valuation of District.	Number of Weights, Measures, &c., submited for verification during year 1912.	Number of Visits paid, Year 1912.	Total amount of Fees for stamping and adjusting during Year 1912.
COUNTIES.					
Ayr, ...	190,507	£1,376,687	20,348	1,358	£204 5 0
Dumfries, ...	72,824	621,014	13,948	851	120 4 2
Fife, ...	159,522	1,085,328	23,631	3,544	203 0 0
Perth, ...	88,000	951,331	18,626	2,127	228 18 6
Mid Lothian, ...	90,920	785,941	34,147	1,456	212 2 10
Renfrew, ...	121,844	928,762	6,113	1,351	77 2 8½
Stirling, ...	127,417	...	15,546	1,118	197 0 0
Lanark, ...	371,357	2,353,491	67,338	4,361	601 10 5
BURGHS.					
Edinburgh, ...	320,318	3,329,203	27,389	5,682	372 7 1
Glasgow, ...	1,010,831	7,307,672	887,143	16,259	1,772 19 11
Dundee, ...	165,002	978,323	15,447	2,676	202 0 1

DIX II.

LANARK.

MEASURES ACTS.

AS TO THE REMUNERATION OF INSPECTORS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS.

Number of Inspectors employed and their Salaries.	Are they allowed Travelling Expenses?	Is each Inspector provided with an Assistant? If so, state weekly wage.	Has the Local Authority adopted any scale upon which the salaries and wages are paid according to length of service.	Other particulars.
2 Inspectors— Chief Inspector, £170 Other Inspector, £150	Yes	1 assistant at £1 per week	No.	These figures apply to year 1911-12
2 Inspectors— Chief Inspector, £180 Other Inspector, £100	Yes		No.	
2 Inspectors— Chief Inspector, £155 Other Inspector, £125	Yes	1 clerk at 21s. per week	No.	These figures apply to year 1911-12
1 Inspector at £200 with £60 for personal expenses	Yes	1 assistant at £1 10s. 9d. per week	No.	
1 Inspector at £182 10s.	Yes	1 assistant at £65	No.	
2 Inspectors— Chief Inspector, £200 Other Inspector, £105	Yes	1 assistant at 11s. per per week 1 assistant at 10s. per week	No.	These figures apply to year 1911-12
1 Inspector at £140	Yes	1 assistant at 12s. 6d. per week	No.	These figures apply to year 1911-12
4 Inspectors— *Chief Inspector at £120 2 Inspectors ,, 150 1 ,, ,, 140	Yes	1 assistant at 32s. weekly 1 ,, ,, 28s. ,, 1 ,, ,, 26s. ,,	No.	* The Chief Inspector's duties are now restricted to the general supervision of the work, and attendance at meetings of committee, when necessary
5 Inspectors— Chief Inspector, £225 Other 4 Inspectors with Salaries ranging from £90 to £130	Yes	4 assistants, each 25s. per week	Inspectors— Triennial increments of £10 Assistants in certain cases rising to 30s. in 6 years' service	These figures apply to 1911-12
12 Inspectors— 1 Chief Inspector at £340 3 Inspectors ,, 185 each 1 Inspector ,, 157 10s. 1 ,, ,, 135 1 ,, ,, 127 10s. 1 ,, ,, 115 1 ,, ,, 100 3 Inspectors ,, 90 each	Yes	Wages of assistants range from 32s. to 25s. per week, according to length of service and ability. In addition to these there are three youths employed as assistants whose wages range from 14s. to 18s. per week.	Inspectors have a commencing salary under Weights and Measures Acts of £90 per annum. They rise by annual increments of £5 for the first five years, and £7 10s. per annum thereafter until the maximum of £175 is reached. 7 Inspectors receive in addition £10 per annum for duties under Petroleum Acts.	
2 Inspectors— Chief Inspector, £175 Other ,, 90	Yes	1 assistant, 26s. 2 ,, 20s.	No.	

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES COMMITTEE.

26th March, 1913

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 26th March, 1913, being a Meeting of the Weights and Measures Committee of the County Council of Lanark.

Present—

Alexander Hamilton.	James Prentice.
Robert Lambie.	Gavin A. Shanks.
Colonel Logan.	William Templeton.

James Tonner.

Attending—

Edmund Donald, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Chairman. Mr Tonner, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 26th February, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed.

Inspectors' monthly reports. The Clerk laid before the meeting the reports of the Inspectors for the month of February (Appendix) a summary of each of which had been sent to each member of the commmittee.

Inspectors' salaries &c The Clerk submitted a note of the salaries of the Inspectors' and of the wages of the Inspectors' Assistants, payment of which was authorised by the committee, subject to being passed by the Finance Committee, viz :—

Inspectors' Salaries to 15th April.

Chief Inspector, ...	£10 0 0	
Inspector Chrystal, ...	12 10 0	
Inspector Mitchell, ...	12 10 0	
Inspector Paterson, ...	11 13 4	
		£46 13 4

Inspectors' Assistants' Wages to 15th March.

Inspector Chrystal, ...	6 9 0	
Inspector Mitchell, ...	5 5 0	
Inspector Paterson, ...	5 13 0	
		17 7 0
		£64 0 4

Inspectors expenses, &c. The meeting also passed for payment the following sums in respect of Inspectors' expenses, &c., viz. :—

Inspectors' Expenses to 15th March.

Chief Inspector, ...	£1 3 11
Inspector Chrystal, ...	4 5 11
Inspector Mitchell, ...	4 14 1
Inspector Paterson, ...	2 15 3
	£12 19 2

National Insurance—County's Contribution in respect of Inspectors, ...	0 4 0

26th March, 1913.

Short weight in retailing of goods.—Deputation of Local Authorities to be received by President of Board of Trade.

Under reference to the Minutes of last meeting of the committee on the subject of short weight in retailing of goods, the Clerk intimated that the President of the Board of Trade had agreed to receive a deputation of Local Authorities favourable to the movement on Tuesday, 1st proximo, and that a Conference of representatives of the Local Authorities had been fixed to take place in the Westminster Palace Hotel on the day prior to the interview.

Case of Andrew Black.

The Clerk stated that, having further considered the circumstances in the case of Andrew Black, reported to the committee at their last meeting, he had thought it inexpedient to instruct a prosecution. The meeting approved.

APPENDIX.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTORS' REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING 28TH FEBRUARY, 1913.

VERIFICATION WORK.

DISTRICT.	Number of Weights, &c., Submitted.	CORRECT.			STAMPED.			ADJUSTED.		REJECTED.		
		Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 2, ...	1,574	201	36	13	1,270	21	14	1,270	21	11	4	4
„ 3, ...	1,468	64	14	11	1,298	48	20	1,258	—	8	—	5
„ 4, ...	25	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	6

OUTDOOR INSPECTION.

DISTRICT.	Number of Visits.	Number of Weights, &c., Examined.	CORRECT.			INCORRECT.		
			Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 4, ...	517	,278	5,107	2,232	879	20	3	37

FEES.

DISTRICT.	Stamping.	Adjusting.	Total.
No. 2, ...	£7 1 1	£10 11 4½	£17 12 5½
„ 3, ...	11 1 4	11 16 1	22 17 5
„ 4, ...	2 19 11	—	2 19 11
	£21 2 4	£22 7 5½	£43 9 9½

REPORTED FOR PROSECUTION.

Andrew Black, Rutherglen, light parcels of oatmeal. This case is pending.

Case pending at date of last report, John Campbell, Bellshill. Not proven.

BURGH POLICE (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1892.

No. 4 District.—Articles made up for sale were weighed or measured in 43 shops.

26th March, 1913.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 23rd April, 1913, being a Meeting of the Weights and Measures Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 23rd April. 1913.

Present—

W. W. Chapman.
William Davie.
Robert Lambie.
William Love.
William Neilson.
James Prentice.
Gavin A. Shanks.
William Templeton.
James Tonner.

Attending—

Edmund Donald, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures.

Mr. Tonner, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 26th March, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting*

The Clerk laid before the meeting the Reports of the Inspectors for the month of March, (Appendix), a summary of each of which had been sent to each member of the committee. *Inspectors' monthly reports.*

The Clerk submitted a note of the salaries of the inspectors, and of the wages of the inspector's assistants, payment of which was authorised by the committee, subject to being passed by the Finance Committee, viz. :— *Inspectors' Salaries, &c.*

Inspectors' Salaries to 15th May.

Chief Inspector, ...	£10	0	0	
Inspector Chrystal, ...	12	10	0	
Inspector Mitchell, ...	12	10	0	
Inspector Paterson, ...	11	13	4	
				£46 13 4

Inspectors' Assistants' Wages to 15th April.

Inspector Chrystal, ...	6	9	0	
Inspector Mitchell, ...	5	5	0	
Inspector Paterson, ...	5	13	0	
				17 7 0
				£64 0 4

The meeting also passed for payment the following sums in respect of Inspectors' expenses, &c., viz. :— *Inspectors' Expenses, &c.*

Inspectors' Expenses to 15th April.

Chief Inspector, ...	£1 16 2
Inspector Chrystal, ...	1 14 2
Inspector Mitchell, ...	1 2 6
Inspector Paterson, ...	4 1 1
	£8 13 11

National Insurance—County's Contribution in respect of Inspectors, ...	£0 5 0

Office Rents.

William Benzie, Partick, ...	£9 0 0
John K. Murray, Motherwell, ...	7 10 0
Robert Wardrop, Wishaw, ...	11 0 0
Mrs. Brown, Airdrie, ...	8 0 0
	£35 10 0

Gilchrist Bros., Wishaw, carting standard weights and measures, ...	£4 1 0

Annual General Meeting of Incorporated Society of Inspectors of Weights and Measures.

The Clerk having submitted a letter from the Secretary of the Incorporated Society of Inspectors of Weights and Measures inviting representatives of this committee to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Society, to be held in London, on 22nd, 23rd, and 24th May next, the meeting appointed Mr. Tonner, whom failing Mr. Davie, along with Mr. Robert Chrystal, Inspector of Weights and Measures, to attend the conference as representing this committee.

Short Weight in Retailing of Goods.—Report of (1) Conference of Local Authorities, and (2) Interview with the President of the Board of Trade.

There was submitted a circular letter from the Town-Clerk of Glasgow, of date 14th April, sending copy of a Report of (1) Conference of Local Authorities, and (2) Interview with the President of the Board of Trade on the subject of Short Weight in the Retailing of Goods. The Clerk stated that a copy of the Report had been sent to each member of the Committee.

The Clerk further stated that the Chairman of the Committee had been placed upon an Executive Committee which had been appointed by the Conference with the object of furthering the interests of the Local Authorities in the matter.

Chief Inspector's Report for 1912-1913.

The Chief Inspector submitted his Report for the year 1912-1913, and the meeting instructed that the same be printed and submitted to the May meeting of the County Council.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTORS' REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING 31st MARCH, 1913.

Verification Work.

District.	Number of Weights, &c., submitted.	Correct.			Stamped.			Adjusted.		Rejected.		
		Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 2,	260	24	19	—	204	5	8	204	5	—	—	—
„ 3,	195	—	—	—	132	56	—	132	—	—	—	—
„ 4,	771	35	15	20	630	26	23	630	9	10	2	10

Outdoor Work.

District.	Number of Visits.	Number of Weights, &c., examined.	Correct.			Incorrect.		
			Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.	Weights.	Measures.	Weighing Instruments.
No. 2,	621	10,078	5,989	2,722	1,028	158	80	101
„ 3,	420	6,733	4,790	1,055	851	17	3	17
„ 4,	83	1,170	610	410	135	2	1	12

Fees.

District.	Stamping.	Adjusting.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
No. 2,	6 5 7½	2 8 7½	8 14 3
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Reported for Prosecution—

Forrest Brothers, Bellshill. 2 unjust scales.—Case pending.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COMMITTEE ON POWERS AND DUTIES OF STANDING JOINT-COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 26th February, 1913, being a meeting of the Committee appointed by the County Council to consider and report on the Powers and Duties of the Standing Joint-Committee. — 26th February, 1913.

Present—

Alexander Hamilton.	William Love.
James H. Fenton.	William Neilson.
Walter C. B. Christie.	Colonel King Stewart.

Colonel King Stewart, chairman of the committee, presiding. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk stated that he had sent to each member of the Committee, who had not already received it, a copy of the Memorandum prepared by him on the Powers and Duties of the Standing Joint-Committee (Appendix), which he had submitted to the Sub-Committee appointed by the Standing Joint-Committee to consider the question. — *Memorandum by Clerk.*

The meeting, after general discussion of the whole matter, adjourned consideration. — *Consideration adjourned.*

APPENDIX.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

REPORT ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE STANDING JOINT-COMMITTEE AS REGARDS THE POLICE ESTABLISHMENT, &c.

The Standing Joint-Committee was brought into existence by the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, Section 18 of which enacts—

"(1) For the purposes in this section mentioned, and with respect to the powers of borrowing transferred or conferred by this Act, or any other Act, there shall be a Standing Joint-Committee of the County Council and the Commissioners of Supply, consisting of such number of County Councillors not exceeding seven as shall be appointed by the County Council annually at their meeting in the month of May, and such number of Commissioners of Supply not exceeding seven as shall be appointed by the Commissioners of Supply annually at their meeting on the same day. Six shall form a quorum of the Committee, and the Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy upon it.

(2) The Sheriff of the County (or in his absence one of his substitutes to be by him nominated for that purpose) shall be *ex officio* a member of the said Standing Joint Committee, and the Committee shall elect one of their own number to be Chairman thereof.

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(5) The Standing Joint Committee appointed in terms of this section shall, after the appointed day, be deemed to be the Police Committee under the Police Act, 1857, and shall have all the powers of such Committee, and be subject to all the provisions of that Act, except in so far as these provisions are expressly modified by this Act."

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By Section 11 (1) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, there were transferred to the County Council the whole powers and duties of the Commissioners of Supply, with the exception of their power to nominate members of the Standing Joint-Committee and their duties as Land Tax Commissioners.

The modifications of the provisions of the Act of 1857 made by Section 18 (5) of the Act of 1889 do not, in my opinion, affect the provisions of the 1857 Act which regulated the relationship of the Police Committee to the Commissioners of Supply.

In the altered scheme of Local Government introduced by the Act of 1889 it would seem *prima facie* that the effect was as regards Police to create the same relationship between the new Standing Joint-Committee and the County Council as had hitherto subsisted between the Police Committee and the Commissioners of Supply.

To understand what this relationship was it is necessary to refer to the Police Act of 1857, which settled the constitution of the Police Committee and specified what powers were to be exercised by the Police Committee and the Commissioners of Supply respectively with regard to Police. The provisions dealing with the matter are contained in the following sections:—

Section 1. The Commissioners of Supply were required to meet not later than 31st October, 1857—the day, hour, and place being duly advertised and were directed to proceed to establish from and after 15th March, 1858, a sufficient police force, and to declare the number of constables they proposed should be appointed, and the rates of pay which it would be expedient to pay to the chief and other constables, and to report such their proceedings in writing to one of Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State.

Section 2. The Commissioners of Supply of every County were required yearly to "appoint certain of their own number, being not more than fifteen, and not less than three, which persons so appointed, along with Her Majesty's Lieutenant and the Sheriff of the County (or, in the absence of such Sheriff, one of his substitutes to be by him nominated for that purpose), shall be called 'the Police Committee' to manage and transact all or any matters which such Police Committee is hereby required or authorised to do, execute, or perform; and every such Committee shall also have such or so many of the powers and authorities and discretion by this Act given to and reposed in such Commissioners of Supply as such Commissioners of Supply shall think proper to delegate to such Committee."

Section 3. Rules were to be made for the government, pay, clothing, &c., of the constables by the Secretary of State, but not so as to increase the number of men proposed to be appointed.

By Section 4, as soon as such rules are finally settled, the Police Committee were ordered, *subject to the approval of one of H.M. Principal Secretaries of State,* to appoint a Chief Constable qualified according to the rules.

By Section 5 *the Commissioners of Supply might, on the recommendation of the Police Committee,* increase or diminish the number of constables.

By Section 6 the Chief Constable, *subject to the approval of the Police Committee,* was empowered to appoint and dismiss the other constables, and had the general disposition and government of all the constables.

By Section 26 the Chief Constable is required to make Reports to the *Police Committee.*

By Section 28 the salaries and allowances of the Chief Constable and other constables, and other expenses incurred, were to be paid by the Commissioners of Supply out of the Police Assessments to be made and levied by them in terms of the Act.

By Section 29 the Commissioners of Supply were directed to impose an assessment to be called "the Police Assessment."

Section 55 provides that—"It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Supply of any County if they think fit to order that Station Houses and Strong Rooms or Lock-ups or any or either of them, for the temporary confinement of persons taken into custody by the constables, be provided, upon such plan as shall be approved by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and for that purpose to purchase and hold, or to rent or hire, lands, &c."

Section 57 provides that—"It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Supply of any County to borrow money for the purpose of purchasing any such lands and heritages, &c."

By Section 58 the Commissioners of Supply were empowered to form Police Districts.

By Section 61 the Commissioners of Supply of any County, and the Magistrates and Town Council of any Burgh in or adjoining the County might agree together for the consolidation of the County and Burgh Police Establishments.

It will be seen from contrasting the provisions of the sections of the Police Act of 1857 above referred to that the powers expressly conferred on the Police Committee related particularly to what may be termed the internal administration of the Police Establishment, *e.g.*, Section 4, appointment of a Chief Constable; Section 5, power to recommend an increase or decrease in number of constables; Section 6, approval of Chief Constable's action in appointing and dismissing constables, &c.

On the other hand, to the Commissioners of Supply were reserved the powers of increasing or diminishing the number of constables on the recommendation of the Police Committee (Section 5); paying cost of Police Establishment (Section 28); levying Police Assessment (Section 29); providing Station Houses, Lock-ups, &c. (Section 55); borrowing (Section 57); forming Police Districts (Section 58); agreeing with Magistrates and Town Councils of Burghs in the County to form combined districts (Section 61).

The scheme of the Act of 1857 accordingly seems to have been to set up a Police Committee to look after the management and working of the Police Establishment as it might from time to time be constituted, but to leave to the Commissioners of Supply the duties of increasing or diminishing the Establishment, looking after the finance, and providing requisite buildings for police purposes. In other words, the Police Committee was regarded as an Executive Committee of the Commissioners of Supply for the carrying out of the duties specifically entrusted to it, with powers of recommendation to the Commissioners of Supply as regards certain matters in which the latter was the paramount authority.

If this is a sound construction of the Act of 1857, the only question that arises is—"Does the Local Government Act of 1889 alter the relationship in which the newly constituted Standing Joint-Committee stands to the County Council from that in which the superseded Police Committee stood to the Commissioners of Supply?"

I have come to the conclusion that the relationship has not been changed in any essential. In giving expression to this view, however, I do not overlook the fact, which can, I think, be substantiated by a reference to contemporaneous history, that when the Act of 1889 was passing through Parliament the prevalent idea was that the Standing Joint-Committee to be constituted was to be an independent authority having full control of the Police requirements of the County. The Scotch Local Government Act of 1889 followed so closely that of England in the previous year that it was natural to suppose that the independence of the Standing Joint-Committee in England had been made equally applicable to the similarly named body in Scotland. I know that was the view of many experienced members and officials of the Commissioners of Supply, and it was that of my predecessor in office, whose opinion always commanded respect, and than whom no one was more conversant with the whole proceedings that were anterior to the passing of the Act of 1889.

The reports of the proceedings in Parliament while the Local Government Act of 1889 was being discussed show that the common understanding was that the Standing Joint-Committee would control the Police in a great measure independently of the County Council. The Lord Advocate of the day even insisted on the necessity of this, as appears from his speech during the Committee Stage, in which, referring to a charge made against the Government of distrusting County Councils by setting up the Standing Joint-Committee, he stated:—"He should regard it on the part of any Minister at least as an act of criminal folly to attempt to curry popularity in dealing with the police. He did not say that those County Councillors would act otherwise than from a sense of duty, but he did say that the subject of the police might be brought into elections in Counties, where that subject was specially critical. The management of the police at a crisis in social order might be put in the crucible of electioneering vanity or popularity hunting at a time when a County Council was being chosen. If they had such questions as would fall to this Joint-Committee the subject of mixed debate at the County Council, and if they had nothing which would give steady effect to the administration of the police, then he strongly suspected that law and order might be endangered, both directly and indirectly. He wanted to draw the attention of the House to the fact that they were not starting a new system but were merely carrying out previous enactments. It was not the fact that even the Commissioners of Supply had the uncontrolled management of the Police. The management of the Police under the Commissioners of Supply was under a composite Committee, to which the Commissioners of Supply only contributed. According to the Act of 1857, the Police Committee consisted of—first, the Lord Advocate; *(sic)* second, the Sheriff; and third, a number of Commissioners of Supply from 3 to 15; and accordingly they might perfectly well have had the Committee, of which three were elected and two were officials. Therefore, if they were taunted with distrust of the County Council he replied that it was just the same distrust which the legislature entertained even of the action of the Commissioners of Supply."

I must, however, read the Act of 1889 as I find it now that the question has been raised.

If my reading of the Statutes is sound, it would follow that, apart from the duties of looking after the general administration of the Police, including the power of appointing a Chief Constable specifically conferred by Section 4 of the Act of 1857, and the power of supervising the Chief Constable's action (Section (6)) and of receiving Reports from him (Section 26), in the execution of which duties and powers the Standing Joint-Committee can act without consulting the County Council, the Standing Joint-Committee's functions are confined to the making of recommendations to the County Council.

It has, however, to be kept in view that the Police Committee is also to have, under Section 2 of the Act of 1857, "such or so many of the powers and authorities and discretions by this Act given to and reposed in such Commissioners of Supply as such Commissioners of Supply shall think proper to delegate to such Committee." If any "powers and authorities and discretion" have been delegated to a Police Committee and its successor, the Standing Joint-Committee, the views as to the relation of the particular Standing Joint-Committee to the County Council may have to be modified. The extent of such delegation is, however, a question of fact depending

upon the circumstances of each case. The further point may have to be then considered as to whether, if delegation has taken place, the Standing Joint-Committee can act in reference to the matters delegated without subsequent approval of its proceedings by the County Council. In the ordinary case a Committee, of course, reports its proceedings to the parent body for confirmation. It has, however, to be noted that the Standing Joint-Committee is not a Committee of the County Council alone. Further, the terms of Section 2 of the Act of 1857 quoted above are unqualified and contain no reservation in favour of the Commissioners of Supply (now the County Council) of any power to call for submission of the Committee's proceedings or of any right to overturn their decision. It would therefore seem that, where delegation has taken place, the Standing Joint-Committee would, in the absence of any express provision limiting the powers delegated, be entitled to act in regard to the matters delegated independently of the County Council.

The minutes of the Commissioners of Supply and of the County Council of the County of Lanark have been referred to with a view of ascertaining what practice has prevailed in the County, in regard to delegation to the Police Committee of the powers of the Commissioners of Supply (now the County Council).

From the minute of the General meeting of Commissioners of Supply held on 13th October, 1857, when the Police Committee, under the Act of 1857, was first appointed, it appears that the number of the Committee was fixed at fifteen over and above the Lord Lieutenant and Sheriff. After recording the appointment of the fifteen Commissioners, the minute proceeds—

> "Which Committee shall have all the powers specially conferred upon them by the Statute, and also power to Act on behalf of and with the whole powers of the entire Commissioners in all matters competent to the Commissioners."

At the General meeting of Commissioners on 30th April, 1858, the Police Committee submitted an elaborate Report containing recommendations that the Police Force be increased, that the men's pay be raised, that other improvements on the men's terms of service be made, and reporting the consolidation of the Wishaw and Lanark Burgh Forces with the County Police. This Report was made without any remit from the Commissioners, who adopted it and passed resolutions carrying out the Committee's recommendations.

The minute then contains a record of the appointment of the Committee for the ensuing year, and a delegation to it of the Commissioners' powers, in the following expanded form:—

> "Which Committee shall have all the powers specially conferred upon them by the Statute, and also power to act on behalf of and with the whole powers of the Commissioners in all matters which the Commissioners may competently devolve upon them, and specially without prejudice to this generality, with power to provide suitable lock-ups and station houses, either by leasing, purchase, or building."

A similar course of procedure was followed each year until the County Council took over the duties of the Commissioners. The Committee reported their proceedings, and made recommendations as to necessary increases of the Force additional buildings, and other matters. The report was adopted, and the delegation of the Commissioners powers was renewed, in terms

similar to those quoted, with the addition latterly of authority to the Committee to borrow temporarily for their requirements pending the assessments for police purposes being received. It should be noted in passing that while a report was annually submitted to the Commissioners of Supply by the Committee, the Committee never submitted their minutes for approval.

The reports were usually adopted without question, though on one occasion, at the meeting of the Commissioners on 30th April, 1888, an amendment on the report was moved by Sheriff Berry, who objected to the Committee's recommendation to vest in the Convener of the Committee, the power authorising part of the force to be detached for service in other areas. No question as to the competency of such an amendment was raised, although the amendment was negatived. Apparently, therefore, in this case at all events, the Commissioners of Supply did not regard the delegation of their powers to the Police Committee as divesting them of their right to overturn the Committee's decisions.

When the County Council came into existence in 1890, and the Standing Joint-Committee took the place of the old Police Committee, a change took place in the procedure. The County Council were of course only entitled to appoint a quota to the Standing Joint-Committee, and at their meeting on 22nd May, 1890, all that was done was to appoint this quota. No express delegation of any of the County Council's powers as to Police was made to the Standing Joint-Committee. The procedure in subsequent years was the same.

A question of difficulty suggests itself at this point as to the effect of the Act of 1889, in transferring to the Standing Joint-Committee the powers exercised by the superseded Police Committee.

In this connection Section 114 of the Act of 1889 may be quoted:— "The members of the Police Committee of a County holding office at the appointed day shall continue to hold office until the thirty-first day of May next after the first election of County Councillors under this Act and no longer, and the Standing Joint-Committee appointed in pursuance of this Act shall thereupon come into office as the Police Committee."

At the date in question the Police Committee of Lanarkshire had by devolution the whole powers of the Commissioners of Supply committed to them, and were in fact administering the whole provisions of the Police Act, 1857, and it was natural to assume that their statutory successors, the Standing Joint-Committee were entitled to continue to exercise these powers. This assumption seems to have been generally acquiesced in.

I cannot, however, agree that this is a sound construction of the Statutes, though I at the same time admit that the acquiescence of the County Council has been so direct as to validitate all actions of the Standing Joint-Committee up to the date of the direct challenge of their actings, and until that challenge has been approved by the Council by a specific resolution to resume the powers which, by acquiescence they seem to have demitted to the Standing Joint-Committee.

Coming back to the actings of the Standing Joint-Committee I find that at the meeting of the County Council on 21st October, 1890, the Standing Joint-Committee presented their first Report. This, however, so far as relating to Police, merely recommends the imposition of various rates suggested in the estimates to be submitted by the Finance Committee.

With the exception of references on 19th May, 1891, to a sum of money appropriated for payment of gratuities to two members of the Force, and on 12th October, 1893, to an allowance to be made to the widow of a murdered officer, the reports of the Standing Joint-Committee to the County Council become merely reports of consents to borrowings for capital expenditure. The minutes of the Standing Joint-Committee have not been in use to be submitted to the County Council for confirmation or information, and in practice the Standing Joint-Committee has acted independently of the County Council, and without reporting their proceedings. An exception to this general statement perhaps falls to be made as regards the provision of Police Buildings and increases of the Police Force. The Standing Joint-Committee's reports from time to time contain approval of proposed capital expenditure on Police Buildings, and so far, therefore, as these reports have been approved by the County Council, it may be said that the County Council have homologated the proceedings of the Standing Joint-Committee.

The County Council have also passed the Estimates for Police Expenditure, which would show on their face when an increase of the Police Force was being made. The County Council, by approving of these estimates, must be held to have had knowledge of the Standing Joint-Committee's action in that respect, and to have approved of it.

In view of these special facts, and of the continued acquiescence of the County Council in the course followed by the Standing Joint-Committee, it would be difficult to raise any competent objection to past actings of the Standing Joint-Committee.

In this connection it is of great significance that the Secretary for Scotland, whose approval is required to increases of the Police Force and to the erection of police buildings, has approved of all the increases in the County Force, and to the erection of all the Police stations that have taken place since the Act of 1889 came into force, and that on the recommendations of the Standing Joint-Committee alone. The approval of the Secretary for Scotland, conjoined with the annual statutory certificate of the County Auditor, safeguards against any challenge of the past actings of the Standing Joint-Committee.

If, however, the County Council should for the future desire to alter the relations which have hitherto subsisted between them and the Standing Joint-Committee, the statutory position seems to me to be that set forth above, viz.:—that the Standing Joint-Committee's functions, except to the extent mentioned, are confined to making recommendations, and that in particular the Standing Joint-Committee cannot increase or diminish the Police Force, or provide station houses, and lock-ups, &c., without submitting their proposals to the County Council, and obtaining their prior approval.

I have made some enquiry into the view taken of, and the practice in regard to, the functions of the Standing Joint-Committee in other Counties in Scotland, with the result that I find the practice varies to such an extent as to make it impossible to say to which view of the Statutes the general trend of opinion and practice inclines.

It must be evident that from the point of view of expediency and convenience there is much to be said in favour of one authority having all the powers necessary to deal with the general administration of the Police. That authority might have been the County Council, as has been more than once proposed, but so long as the County Council has not been seized with

the whole duties, and so long as it can only act in those matters reserved to it on the recommendation of a body over which it has no absolute control, and which is not bound to make any recommendations to it, and to whom the Chief Constable, on whose recommendations the action of the respective authorities depends, is not bound to report, there will always exist the possibility of such an hiatus in the administrative machinery as may, on occasion, give rise to difficulty and perplexity. This difficulty was, as has been seen, got over by the Commissioners of Supply delegating to the Police Committee the powers reserved to the Commissioners under the Act of 1857, subject to the obligation on the Police Committee to make an annual report of their proceedings. The County Council must in 1890 have assumed that the difficulty was met by reading into the constitution of the Standing Joint-Committee a devolution of the powers which the legislature had apparently thought they were conferring, but to which, in my opinion, as already expressed, effect was not given.

Any difficulty in administration could, of course, be met by a direct exercise by the County Council of the powers of devolution which they possess. It is right to point out that the Legislature seems to have contemplated that such devolution would in natural course take place, as the *rubric* of Section 2 of the Act of 1857 reads—"*Commissioners of Supply to appoint Police Committee to carry Act into execution.*" The *rubric* of an Act of Parliament is, however, only indicative of intention, the enacting provisions, if they are free from ambiguity, as in the case of the Act of 1857 they seem to me to be, being the true criterion.

THOS. MUNRO,
County Clerk.

Hamilton, December, 1912.

COMMITTEE ON POWERS AND DUTIES OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE.

26th March, 1913. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 26th March 1913, being a Meeting of the Committee appointed by the County Council to consider and report on the Powers and Duties of the Standing Joint Committee.

Present—

Walter C. B. Christie.	William Neilson.
Alexander Hamilton.	Colonel King Stewart.

Chairman. Colonel King Stewart, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of last meeting of the committee, of date 26th February, 1913, which had not yet been printed, were submitted in draft and approved.

The committee resumed consideration of the remit to them when a general discussion on the subject-matter of the remit took place.

Mr. Hamilton having expressed doubts as to the competency of the County Council delegating to the Standing Joint Committee any powers possessed by them, the Clerk was instructed to look into this matter and report at next meeting.

Conference with sub-committee of Standing Joint Committee. The Clerk stated that at a meeting of the sub-committee of the Standing Joint Committee appointed with reference to the powers and duties of the Standing Joint Committee held to-day, he had been instructed to convey to this committee a request for a conference, as the sub-committee was dealing with practically the same matter as was contained in the remit to this committee. It was agreed to accede to the request of the sub-committee of the Standing Joint Committee and to have a conference on a convenient date.

COMMITTEE ON POWERS AND DUTIES OF STANDING JOINT-COMMITTEE.

30th April, 1913. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings there, upon Wednesday, 30th April, 1913, being a Meeting of the Committee of the County Council of Lanark appointed with reference to the powers and duties of the Standing Joint-Committee.

Present—

Walter C. B. Christie.	Alexander Hamilton.
James H. Fenton.	William Neilson.

Chairman. Mr. Neilson was appointed chairman of the meeting.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Minutes of joint-meeting submitted. The Clerk laid before the meeting the minutes of the joint-meetings of this committee and of the sub-committee of the standing joint-committee, held on the 2nd and 9th current (Appendix), which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee.

The meeting having further discussed the matter, Mr. Fenton moved that the Committee report to the County Council in terms of the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Joint-Meeting last referred to, which was seconded by Mr. Neilson. *Motion by Mr. Fenton.*

Mr. Christie moved, by way of amendment, that the Committee lay before the County Council the Opinion obtained from the Clerk (which forms an Appendix to the Minutes of the Committee of date 26th February last), which the Committee believe generally explains the relationship between the County Council and the Standing Joint-Committee. Mr. Hamilton seconded. *Amendment by Mr. Christie.*

On a vote being taken by way of a show of hands, two voted for the amendment and two for the motion. The Chairman having given his casting vote in favour of Mr. Fenton's motion, the same was declared carried and became the finding of the meeting. *Motion becomes finding of meeting.*

APPENDIX.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

MINUTES OF JOINT-MEETING

RE

POWERS AND DUTIES OF STANDING JOINT-COMMITTEE.

2nd April, 1913. At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, *on Wednesday, 2nd April* 1913, being a Joint-Meeting of the Committee of the County Council and of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Joint-Committee of the County of Lanark appointed with reference to the Powers and Duties of the Standing Joint-Committee.

Present—

Walter C. B. Christie. — Sheriff Gardner Millar.
Alexander Hamilton. — William Neilson.
William Love. — Colonel Stevenson, C.B., A.D.C.
Colonel King Stewart.

Chairman. Colonel Stewart was appointed chairman of the meeting.

Notice calling meeting. The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Clerk explains object of meeting. The Clerk reported that this meeting had been arranged to afford members of the Committee of the County Council and of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Joint-Committee an opportunity of conferring together regarding the remits to the Committee and Sub-Committee respectively which were in practically the same terms.

Remit to Clerk to prepare a Memorandum. After an interchange of views it appeared to be the general opinion of the meeting that the only difficulties which existed in defining the powers and duties of the Standing Joint-Committee related to the committee's powers and duties in connection with (1) the increasing or diminishing of the police force and (2) the provision of station houses. The meeting recognised that, as pointed out by the Clerk in his report, there was always a possibility of administrative difficulties arising in connection with these matters, unless the Standing Joint-Committee and County Council acted in concert. Various suggestions for a working arrangement between the County Council and Standing Joint-Committee to obviate any risk of difficulties arising were brought forward and discussed by members present, and it was finally remitted to the Clerk to prepare a memorandum setting forth suggestions for an arrangement which would permit of the powers respectively exercisable by the County Council and the Standing Joint-Committee being carried out within the terms of the statutes, and without conflict of administration.

It was agreed that another joint-meeting should be held on an early date to consider the Clerk's memorandum.

MINUTES OF JOINT-MEETING

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POWERS AND DUTIES OF STANDING JOINT-COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 9th April, 1913, being a Joint-Meeting of the Committee of the County Council of Lanark, and of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Joint-Committee of the County of Lanark, appointed with reference to the powers and duties of the Standing Joint-Committee. 9th April, 1913.

Present—

WALTER C. B. CHRISTIE. | WILLIAM LOVE.
ALEXANDER HAMILTON. | WILLIAM NEILSON.
Colonel STEVENSON, C.B., A.D.C.

Colonel Stevenson was appointed chairman of the meeting. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last joint-meeting, of date 2nd current, which had been printed and a copy sent to each member of the joint-committee, having been submitted and approved, were signed by the chairman. *Minutes of last meeting.*

There was laid before the meeting a Memorandum (Appendix) prepared by the Clerk, a copy of which had also been sent to each member of the joint-committee. *Memorandum by Clerk.*

After having discussed the terms of the Memorandum, the members of the committee of the County Council and of the sub-committee of the Standing Joint-Committee severally agreed that they would submit the Memorandum to their respective constituents and report that the proposed working arrangement embodied in the Memorandum, if adopted, would in their opinion not only enable the Standing Joint-Committee to exercise its powers and discharge its duties in strict accord with the provisions of the statutes, but would also avoid any possibility of conflict of interests. *Recommendation that proposed working arrangement be accepted.*

APPENDIX.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

MEMORANDUM BY COUNTY CLERK IN REGARD TO THE RELATIONS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE STANDING JOINT-COMMITTEE IN MATTERS OF POLICE ADMINISTRATION.

I have, as instructed, given careful consideration to the remit to me to formulate suggestions for an arrangement which would permit of the powers respectively exercisable by the County Council and the Standing Joint-Committee being carried out within the terms of the statutes and without conflict of administration.

There are in my opinion and as explained in the report on the powers and duties of the Standing Joint-Committee which I have recently submitted, two important matters affecting the administration of the Police which require the intervention of the County Council in terms of the Police (Scotland) Act, 1857, and the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889. These are :—

1. THE INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF THE POLICE FORCE.

The Act of 1857 (Section 5) provides that the County Council (as coming in place of the Commissioners of Supply) shall on the recommendation of the Standing Joint-Committee (as coming in place of the Police Committee under the former Act) have power, subject to the approval of the Secretary for Scotland, to increase or diminish the number of constables appointed for the County.

The Act of 1857 (Section 2), as modified by the Act of 1889, authorises the County Council to delegate to the Standing Joint-Committee "so many of the powers and authorities and discretion given to or reposed in the County Council as the County Council shall think proper to delegate to such Committee."

This power of delegation was exercised by the Commissioners of Supply from 1857 to 1889 to its fullest extent, and it is obvious that this was a convenient course to adopt as neither the Commissioners of Supply, nor the County Council as coming in their stead, had or has the information which the Standing Joint-Committee possesses to enable them to determine the requirements of the County in matters affecting the personel of the Police Force.

I therefore respectfully suggest that the County Council should be recommended to delegate to the Standing Joint-Committee the power to increase or diminish the number of the Police Force.

As, at the same time, it falls to the County Council to provide the funds to meet the expenses of the administration of the Police Force, and as any increase of the force necessarily implies an increased charge on the County Fund, I suggest that the Standing Joint-Committee should report to the County Council from time to time the increases which they authorise, with the object of keeping the County Council regularly informed of any increased call on the rates and of enabling them to frame the Local Annual Budget which they are required annually to prepare. This suggestion, if approved of, would afford a check on Police expenditure, and would—should the improbable necessity arise—permit of the County Council recalling the delegation of their powers in this matter.

2. POWER TO PROVIDE POLICE STATIONS AND OTHER BUILDINGS IN CONNECTION WITH POLICE ADMINISTRATION.

In my opinion though this power is, in accordance with the provisions of Section 55 of the Act of 1857, reserved to the County Council, the powers of delegation above set forth

might be held to permit of a delegation to the Standing Joint-Committee. There is no doubt that, as was the practice in this County, the power was one that could be competently delegated in its entirety by the Commissioners of Supply to the Police Committee. It is equally arguable that there might be a full delegation of the County Council to the Standing Joint-Committee.

As, however, the acquisition of the site on which a Police Station is to be erected is an important element in the question of the provision of the Police Station, and as the title to the land must be taken in the name of the County Council, I think a distinction falls to be drawn between this matter and that previously discussed.

While that is so, it is in this, as in the previous matter, obvious that the County Council is not in a position without the advice of the Standing Joint-Committee to determine what the requirements are as regards the provision of Police Stations, What I therefore suggest is that the County Council should delegate to the Standing Joint-Committee the powers of arranging for the erection of Police Stations and other buildings, but that before the sites of such stations or buildings are actually acquired or the buildings proceeded with, the Standing Joint-Committee should report to the County Council and obtain their approval to the proposals. This is in effect already done, because practically all proposals for the erection of new Police Stations involve raising money by loan, and the County Council require to approve of the necessary borrowing in each case.

A similar practice has hitherto applied to buildings erected by the District Committees acting as Local Authorities under the Public Health Acts, although in their case, the technical difficulty is more real because the County Council cannot delegate their powers of acquiring the sites of such buildings. The arrangement has, however, been found in the main to be convenient, and the technical difficulty has been avoided by the fact that while the District Committees may make the preliminary arrangements the intervention of the County Council is necessary to complete the transaction.

Another power that was at one time an important one, viz.:—the formation of separate Police Districts and Consolidation Agreements with Burghs is by the Act of 1857 reserved to the County Council. The matter was included in the delegation by the Commissioners of Supply to the Police Committee. There is little probability of any such question now arising, but if it should I would respectfully suggest that it be dealt with in the manner I have recommended in regard to the increase or decrease of the Police Force. I consider that as any such matter involves questions of rating, the County Council should be formally apprised of what is being done.

I may in conclusion be permitted to say that as the Clerk to both the County Council and the Standing Joint Committee, I see no difficulty if my suggestions are approved, in complying with the express terms of the Statutes and at the same time avoiding any possibility of conflict of interests.

T. M.

County Offices,
Hamilton, April, 1913.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 5th March, 1913, being a Meeting of the Public Health Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 5th March, 1913.

Present.

John Adam.	Robert Lambie.
J. Raeside Auld.	William Neilson.
Colonel Buchanan.	William Love.
James Cameron.	Alexander R. Mitchell.
Thomas G. Cowan.	James Prentice.
James H. Fenton.	Gavin A. Shanks.
Alexander Hamilton.	Colonel King Stewart.
John Jackson.	James Tonner.

Attending.

Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

Mr. Lambie, chairman of committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee of date 8th January, which had been submitted to and approved by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

There were submitted to the meeting reports by the County Medical Officer under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts and the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts for the months of December 1912, and January, 1913, prints of which had been sent to each member of the committee. *Reports by County Medical Officer for the months of December and January.*

The Clerk submitted a notice which had been served upon him by the Town Council of Coatbridge in terms of Section 104 of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1907, intimating the intention of the Town Council to construct certain sewerage and sewage purification works. *Rivers Pollution.—Burgh of Coatbridge.*

The County Medical Officer stated that the works referred to evidently formed part of a scheme which the Town Council were in course of carrying out in compliance with the decision of the Court as a result of the action raised against them by the County Council.

Pollution by Kepplehill Coal Company.

The Clerk stated that he had, as instructed, written to the Secretary for Scotland for his consent to the institution of proceedings against the Kepplehill Coal Company, Ltd., and he submitted a communication from the Secretary for Scotland, of date 24th February, transmitting copy of a letter addressed to the Company, asking them to show cause why the Secretary for Scotland should withhold his consent to the initiation of proceedings against them, together with a copy of the Company's reply, and inviting the observations of the County Council thereon.

The meeting, after consideration, and having regard to the past record of this Company, instructing the Clerk to reply that it was desirable that the consent of the Secretary for Scotland to the institution of proceedings should be given in order to enable the Council to adopt this course should they ultimately find it necessary to do so.

Pollutions by collieries

The Clerk reported that since the date of last meeting he had been in communication with the following firms with respect to pollutions arising from their respective works and that satisfactory replies had been received in each case:—

Messrs. Barr & Thornton, regarding Knowton Colliery.
Messrs. The Murdostoun Coal Company, regarding Westwood Colliery.
Messrs. The Darngavil Coal Company, regarding Swinhill Colliery.
Messrs. The Baton Collieries Company, Limited, regarding Fortrigg Colliery.

Pollution of River Calder.—Complaint by Messrs. Archibald Baird & Son, Ltd.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a further complaint by Messrs. Archibald Baird & Son, Limited, Cairnhill Iron and Steel Works, Coatbridge, regarding the condition of the bed of the River Calder near their works, together with a report by the County Medical Officer which showed that the obstruction in the bed of the stream of which Messrs. Baird & Son complained had been caused by a break in the fence erected by Messrs. Dunlop & Co., Limited, to prevent ashes or other refuse finding their way into the stream, and stating that the latter firm had agreed to take steps to remedy the matter.

Incorporated Sanitary Association of Scotland.—Congress at Glasgow.

The Clerk submitted a communication from the Secretary of the Incorporated Sanitary Association of Scotland inviting the appointment of representatives to attend the congress to be held at Glasgow from 10th to 13th September next. The meeting, after discussion, appointed the following representatives to attend the congress, viz.:—

J. Raeside Auld, James Prentice,
James Cameron, William Speirs,
Robert Lambie, Colonel King Stewart,
William Neilson, James C. Hope Vere,

along with the County Clerk and the County Medical Officer.

Letter from Secretary of Association inviting County Council to take a special interest in the meetings

The Clerk also laid before the meeting a letter from the Secretary of the Incorporated Sanitary Association of Scotland, of date 21st February, stating that his council would deem it a favour if this County Council would, on the occasion of the forthcoming congress, take a special interest in the meetings, and inviting the appointment of the Convener of the County as Joint Honorary President along with the Lord Provost of Glasgow and also three members of the Council to be Honorary Vice-Presidents. Colonel King Stewart having indicated his willingness to act as Joint Honorary President, the Clerk was instructed to intimate this to the Secretary of the Association and also to nominate as Honorary Vice-Presidents the chairman of the committee and the chairman of each of the three District Committees.

National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality.—Conference in London.

There was also submitted a communication from the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and for the Welfare of Infancy inviting the appointment of representatives to attend the conference to be held at London on 4th and 5th August next. The meeting, after consideration, appointed the following representatives to attend the conference, viz.:—

Thomas G. Cowan, Robert Lambie
William Love,

along with the County Clerk and the County Medical Officer

Claim by Mr. Donald Currie, Gimmerscroft Farm.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from Mr. Donald Currie, Gimmerscroft Farm, by Airdrie, enclosing a note of claim amounting to £10, being depreciation in the value of a cow alleged to have been affected by the drinking of water from a stream which passes through the farm of Gimmerscroft.

The Clerk having reminded the meeting as to previous complaints regarding the pollution of the stream in question and as to the source of the alleged pollution, the meeting instructed him to deny liability.

Royal Commission on Housing in Scotland.—Evidence.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from the Secretary of the Royal Commission on Housing in Scotland, inviting this County Council to nominate representatives to give evidence before the Commission.

After discussion, the meeting nominated the Chairman and the Clerk to give evidence on behalf of the County Council.

Results of Prosecutions under Food and Drugs Acts.

The Clerk reported the results of prosecutions under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts since the date of last meeting, as follows:—

Name and Address of Accused.	Nature of Complaint.	Result of Prosecution.
William John Clyde, hotel keeper, Crown Hotel, Carluke	Whisky—27·5 degrees under proof	Pled guilty and fined £2 or 7 days
Mrs. Grace Aitken, farmer, Watsonmids Farm, Newmains	Sweet milk—deficient in milk fat 6 per cent. and milk solids 20 per cent.	Pled guilty and fined £5 or 20 days
Trustees of late John H. M'Laughlin, wine and spirit merchants, 12 Caledonian Road, Wishaw, per George M'Laughlin, solicitor, Hamilton	Whisky — 29 degrees under proof	Pled guilty and fined £2 or 10 days
Alexander F. Dennison, provision merchant, 10 Kirk Road, Wishaw,	Selling margarine for butter	Pled guilty and fined £10 or 30 days
Mrs. Sarah Rae, Heather Inn, Douglas	Whisky—29·3 degrees under proof	Pled guilty and fined £2 or 7 days
John Lawson, wine and spirit merchant, Jubilee Vaults, 463 Main Street, Bellshill	Whisky—27·2 degrees under proof	Pled guilty and fined £10 or 21 days
David Chalmers, dairyman, West Hassockrigg, Harthill	Sweet milk—deficient in milk fat 13 per cent.	Pled guilty and fined £2 2s. or 10 days

Appointment of Dr. John W. Miller as temporary assistant County Medical Officer.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from the Medical Officer, of date 12th January, intimating that, as authorised by the Committee at their meeting on 27th November last, he had appointed as an additional temporary assistant John W. Miller, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., presently Resident Physician at Belvidere Fever Hospital, at a salary of £200 per annum. The meeting approved of the appointment.

Tuberculosis Statement prepared by County Medical Officer.

As relative to the prospective changes involved in carrying out the provisions of the National Insurance Act with respect to the prevention and treatment of Tuberculosis, there was submitted a Statement (Appendix) which the County Medical Officer had prepared and issued to the several District Committees as well as to the members of this Committee.

The meeting, after general discussion, agreed to continue the matter for further consideration

APPENDIX.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

UPPER, MIDDLE, AND LOWER WARD DISTRICTS.

Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis

STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS.

Referring to the Memorandum on the above subject, which I issued on 5th July last, and which was prepared in accordance with the suggestions of the Local Government Board, I think the time has now arrived when the question of staffing arrangements should be carefully considered. In doing so there are certain questions of principle which should at the outset be mentioned:—

(1) All work for the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis should be carried out as hitherto by the three Local Authorities under the Public Health (Scotland) Act.

(2) All members of the staff to be engaged in this work should form a part of the Public Health Organisation. Specialisation for Tuberculosis alone seems undesirable and unnecessary.

(3) All existing services—staffing arrangements and institutions—should not only be fully utilised but developed to meet existing requirements.

In recent times curative measures have bulked so largely in the public mind that preventive measures have been little heard of. This can be readily understood when one remembers that the poor consumptive patient was about the only afflicted individual that seemed to have nothing done for him by charity, philanthropy, or any Public Authority except Poor Law. General hospitals such as the Royal, Western, and Victoria Infirmaries seemed only to admit a case or two for teaching purposes, and so the poor consumptive was offered the poorhouse, where in large institutions such as exist in the chief towns everything was done to treat the illness on modern approved lines.

One cannot wonder, then, that the public and the authorities have at last wakened up to the necessity for making some reasonable provision for the treatment and care of all people afflicted with any form of tuberculosis. The institutional treatment provided by the three District Committees since 1905 need not be referred to, except to state that up to the present time there have been nearly 2,000 admissions and we have no waiting list.

It must never be forgotten, however, that prevention is of far more

importance than cure, and it is somewhat encouraging to note the progress that has already been made in the reduction of mortality from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, as shown in the following table:—

AVERAGE QUINQUENNIAL DEATH-RATES PER 10,000 OF THE POPULATION, ALSO THE ANNUAL DEATH-RATES FOR THE YEARS 1911 AND 1912.

	1891-95.	1896-1900.	1901-05.	1906-10.	1911.	1912.
Upper Ward,	12·02	11·90	10·58	8·13	7·20	6·2
Middle Ward,	13·57	11·44	10·00	8·83	9·10	7·7
Lower Ward,	12·83	11·70	12·40	11·3	6·23	7·3
Administrative County,	13·16	11·56	10·48	9·15	8·30	7·4

We have no means of knowing what the death-rate was prior to 1891, as the Registrar-General has not prepared statistics showing the death-rate for County Public Health areas, but taking the first five years of County Administration, the average death-rate per 10,000 of the population was 13·16. The average rate for every subsequent quinquennial period since then shows a steady decrease, and the death-rate for the last two years was only 8·3 and 7·4 respectively. This shows a decline in the death-rate during the last twenty years of about 45 per cent., which compares favourably with the statistics in any other parts of the country. Special measures for the prevention and treatment of this disease have only been introduced since 1905, yet the decline in the death-rate prior to that period was nearly as great as it has been since. It is difficult, therefore, to make any claim in respect of the special measures adopted. This is in accordance with the views of others. To quote the words used by celebrated physicians in a recent number of *The Practitioner*, specially devoted to tuberculosis—"The decline in the tuberculosis mortality has been a steady one, dependent mainly upon improvement in general hygiene, increased well-being, and cleanliness;" "Many of us entertain an uneasy suspicion that, after all done by sanatoriums, the value of which, if only indirect, we would not forget, the fall in the tuberculosis rate hitherto is but little due to it, but may be accounted for by the improvement in housing and general sanitation."

Treatment and prevention are intimately associated. "The Sanatorium is not to complete cures of phthisis, but to educate the patient in the methods and reasons by which cure is to be compassed." Abundance of fresh air, good food, suitable warm clothing, and a well regulated life are still the fundamental principles of treatment, but the same principles are equally efficient in preventing the development of the disease. It is an old saying that "Prevention is better than cure," but Local Authorities are now asked to carry out both aspects of the work, and the following suggestions are made, with that end in view.

The experience gained since 1905, and especially during the last few months, in trying to carry out dispensary and domiciliary treatment shows the importance of home visitation. The work begins with the medical practitioner when he notifies the case, and generally continues with the medical practitioner until the patient is either cured or dies. Arrangements will therefore require to be made to utilise the services of the profession to the fullest extent possible. With this end in view a statement has been drafted for issue so soon as the various matters concerning medical benefit have been settled.

It is perhaps unnecessary to refer here to the procedure followed. The Sanitary Inspector, Medical Officer, and Nurse Health Visitor, generally make their visits in the order named. The greatest defect in the present organisation exists in the insufficiency of the medical staff. The amount of work that can be overtaken by the staff depends to some extent on the nature of the area, populous or rural, but speaking generally, experience shows that the staff requirements in any Public Health area such as the Middle Ward District of the County may be based on having two Sanitary Inspectors, one Medical Officer, and one Health Visitor for every 40,000 of the population.

The **Middle Ward** has an area of 186,623 acres, and a population of 203,279. This area might be divided for executive duties into five sections, as shown in the following table:—

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DISTRICT DIVIDED INTO FIVE AREAS, WHICH MIGHT FORM UNITS FOR MEDICAL OFFICERS.

AREAS.	Population.	Acreage.	Deaths during 1911.	Cases on Record, May, 1912.	Middle Ward Institutions.
First Division,	14,010	73,925	10	24	(1) Stonehouse Sanatorium, over 50 beds.
Dalserf, ...	18,629	7,459	9	26	(2) Dalserf Hospital, used as a Children's Home, 12 beds.
Hamilton, ...	7,775	11,797	10	23	
(1)	40,414	93,181	29	73	
Blantyre, ...	16,821	3,956	24	78	(3) Blantyre Hospital, used as a Dispensary, with 10 beds.
Cambuslang, ...	24,870	5,146	30	89	
(2)	41,691	9,102	54	167	
Bothwell, (3)	54,211	13,541	45	178	(4) Bellshill Hospital, about 50 beds.
Cambusnethan,	14,577	15,744	13	23	(5) Shotts Hospital, over 20 beds.
Dalziel, ...	1,876	2,285	2	1	
Shotts, ...	18,434	24,835	16	42	(6) Central Hospital, near Motherwell, with Ward Pavilion for Surgical and X-Ray Cases.
(4)	34,887	42,864	31	66	
New Monkland,	13,728	18,773	5	22	(7) Uppertown Sanatorium, Longriggend, 30 beds.
Old Monkland,	17,742	9,162	21	55	
(5)	31,470	27,935	26	77	
TOTALS,	202,673	186,623	185	561	

Institutions in which the Middle Ward has a joint interest:—

(8) Lightburn Hospital, with Sanatorium Pavilion; (9) Hairmyres Inebriate Home

The Sanitary Staff and the Queen's Nurses already provided are on the above basis, but only two Medical Officers and the part time of a third are employed, whereas five Medical Officers are required. Each of these Medical Officers would be attached to an Institution engaged in Tuberculosis work. Indeed, at Stonehouse Sanatorium and at Bellshill Hospital the greater portion of the time of the Medical Officer would be taken up with Institutional work, the Visiting Physicians continuing to act as consultants.

The **Upper Ward** has an area of 327,013 acres, and a population of 43,043. Owing to the scattered nature of the population, a 40,000 basis will probably not be sufficient. The present staff consists of a District Sanitary Inspector and one assistant. Without increasing the Sanitary Staff meantime, an effort might be made to enlist the services of District Nurses where these exist, viz.:—Carluke, Douglas, Forth, Lesmahagow and Coalburn, Blackwood, Carmichael, and Crawford. By making an annual contribution to the funds of the Nursing Association the services of these Nurses might be obtained, and would no doubt be found useful in visiting cases of tuberculosis occurring in their respective areas.

I have for some time endeavoured to do most of the work in this district, but now have part of the time of the third assistant. One whole-time Medical Officer at least is required, and should reside in Lanark. Additional clerical help will also be needed.

The **Lower Ward** has an area of 26,591 acres, and a population of 28,528. Although this district has the smallest area and population, it is so intersected by the great city as to require special consideration.

The staff consists of a district Sanitary Inspector and two local inspectors—one for the central part and the other for the outlying parts of the district—one Nurse Health Visitor, a Buildings Inspector, two clerks, and an office lad.

As the offices are situated in the County Buildings, where most of the committee meetings are held, I have of late been able to attend to most of the work myself, but now have part of the time of the third assistant. I feel sure, however, that this important district would require the whole time of a Medical Officer, having regard to the amount of domiciliary visitation required for Tuberculosis.

JOHN T. WILSON.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 4th February, 1913.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 9th April, 1913, being a meeting of the Public Health Committee of the County Council of Lanark. 9th April, 1913.

Present—

John Adam.
Thomas Arnot.
J. Raeside Auld.
John Baxter.
James Cameron.
George Fraser.
Alexander Hamilton.
Robert Lambie.
William Neilson.
William Love.
Alexander R. Mitchell.
James Prentice.
Gavin A. Shanks.
Robert Sharp.

Attending—

Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

Mr. Lambie, chairman of the committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the committee, of date 5th March, which had been printed and sent to each member of the committee, having been submitted, were approved of and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

There was submitted to the meeting a report by the County Medical Officer under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts and the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts for the month of February, a print of which had been sent to each member of the committee. *Report by County Medical Officer.*

The Clerk submitted a communication from the County Medical Officer, of date 28th March, regarding proposed changes in the staff rendered necessary for carrying into effect the provisions of the National Insurance Act with respect to the treatment of Tuberculosis. *Changes in staff of Public Health Department.*

There was also submitted a statement (Appendix I.), prepared by the County Medical Officer, making certain suggestions relative to increases in the salaries of several members of the staff of the Public Health Department. *Statement regarding increases in salaries.*

The meeting, after consideration, unanimously agreed to recommend that the salary of Dr. Scroggie be increased from £250 to £400 per annum, but delayed consideration of the question of the duties to be performed by him. *Salary of Dr. Scroggie.*

Appointment of Sub-Committee.

A discussion having followed on the whole question of the relations of the Public Health Department of the County to those of the District Committees in the event of the suggestions of the County Medical Officer being given effect to, the meeting appointed the following sub-committee to meet with representatives of the several District Committees to consider and report on the whole question of staffing arrangements, viz. :—

John Adam,
Thomas Arnot,
J. Raeside Auld,
James H. Fenton,
George Fraser,
Alexander Hamilton,
Robert Lambie,
William Love,
Alexander R. Mitchell,
Gavin A. Shanks,
James C. Hope Vere,

along with the Convener and Vice-Convener.

Housing and Town Planning.—Conference at Edinburgh.

The Clerk laid before the meeting a communication from the Secretary of the National Housing and Town Planning Council, of date 28th February, inviting the appointment of representatives to attend the Scottish National Conference on the Administration of the Housing and Town Planning Act to be held at Edinburgh on the 22nd and 23rd current. The meeting, after discussion, appointed the following representatives to attend the conference, viz. :—

J. Raeside Auld,
James Cameron,
Walter C. B. Christie,
James H. Fenton,
Alexander Hamilton,
Robert Lambie,
William Love,
Alexander R. Mitchell,
James C. Hope Vere,

along with the County Clerk and the County Medical Officer.

Communications with collieries, &c.

The Clerk reported that, since the date of last meeting, he had been in communication with the following firms with respect to pollutions arising from their respective works, and that satisfactory replies had been received in each case, viz. :—

Furnace Gases Company, regarding Shotts Iron Works.
Murdostoun Coal Company, regarding Westwood Colliery.

Report of inspection of South Calder.

There was submitted a report by the County Medical Officer of recent inspections of the South Calder, from which it appeared that the chief source of pollution was from Stane and Kepplehill Collieries, in regard to which the Committee had made application to the Secretary for Scotland for authority to institute proceedings.

Complaint by Messrs. Archibald Baird & Son.

With reference to the complaint by Messrs. Archibald Baird & Son, Ltd., reported to the last meeting of the committee, the Clerk stated that an inspection had since been made, when it was found that the fence erected by Messrs. Dunlop & Co. had been repaired and precautions taken by them to prevent a recurrence of the complaint.

Incorporated Sanitary Association of Scotland.—Congress at Glasgow.—Contribution to funds of Association.

Under reference to the minutes of last meeting the Clerk submitted a communication from the Secretary of the Incorporated Sanitary Association of Scotland, of date 31st March, thanking the County Council for agreeing to take a special interest in the forthcoming congress. The meeting agreed to make this year a contribution of £10 10s. to the funds of the Association.

Flour Improvers.—Report by County Medical Officer.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a statement (Appendix II.) prepared by the County Medical Officer on the subject of flour "improvers," a copy of which had been sent to each member of the committee.

Bacteriological Laboratory.—Fees for examination of specimens, &c.

There was submitted a communication from the County Medical Officer, of date 8th April, pointing out the desirability of having some definite arrangement with the Fiscal for the examination of specimens in the Bacteriological Laboratory in connection with criminal cases and the giving of evidence in Court, which work had hitherto been executed by Dr. Patterson in office hours, and for which he received a small fee, generally £1 1s., for the examination of each specimen and report. The meeting, after consideration, and in view of the proposal to increase Dr. Patterson's salary, agreed that all such fees should in future be paid into the County Fund.

Telephone facilities in Medical Officer's Department.

The meeting approved of the suggestion of the County Medical Officer to extend the telephone connection in his office to the Medical Laboratory and the Inspector's Room, at a cost of £1 15s.

The Clerk reported the results of prosecutions under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts since the date of last meeting as follows :— *Food and Drugs Acts. — Results of prosecutions.*

Name and Address of Accused.	Nature of Complaint.	Result of Prosecution.
Mrs. Margaret Robertson, Licensed Grocer, Clyde Store, Causewayside Street, Tollcross	Whisky—34·7 degrees under proof	Pled guilty, and fined £2.
John Watson, Newhouse Farm, Kirkfieldbank, Lanark	Sweet milk — deficient in solids 11 per cent.	Convicted, and fined £5 or 30 days.

APPENDIX I.

LANARK COUNTY COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

STAFF AND SALARIES.

Dr. Frank H. Scroggie. Resident in Hamilton. Appointed December, 1911. Present salary, £250. Last increase, £50, in October, 1912.
Recommended as Chief Tuberculosis Medical Officer.

Dr. Daniel Stewart. Appointed in July, 1912. Present salary, £200. Recommended for one of the appointments about to be made as District Tuberculosis Officer.

Dr. John W. Miller. Appointed in January, 1913. Present salary, £200. Recommended for one of the appointments about to be made as District Tuberculosis Officer.

Bacteriological Laboratory.

Dr. J. Hume Patterson (40). Married. Resident in Hamilton. Appointed March, 1908. Present salary, £300. Last and only increase, £50, in May, 1911. Increase recommended, £120, making salary £420. Was appointed Assistant Medical Officer of Health in September, 1912.

Duties.—The work done in the laboratory includes specimens not only from County areas but also from all the burghs, excepting Motherwell. A fee is charged for the examination of burgh specimens. A large proportion of the specimens are from persons suffering from tuberculosis, and to this extent the work might be described as that of a tuberculosis officer. Local Authorities estimating their expenditure in connection with the treatment of tuberculosis will be able to charge a sum that will include the cost of sputum examination. This aspect of the work has recently assumed considerable importance. During the whole year 1911, only 239 specimens were received for examination from County Institutions treating tuberculosis, whereas, during the last six months over 450 specimens have been examined for the following institutions, viz.:—Stonehouse, 99; Upperton, 117; Shotts, 80; Bellshill, 62; Blantyre, 23; Lightburn, 53; and Roadmeetings, 31; being a total of 465. 21 of these specimens were the subject of a biological examination.

Thomas Stewart (22). Married. Resident in Hamilton. Appointed in April, 1908. Present salary, £75. Last increase, £10, in May, 1912. Increase recommended, £25, making salary £100.

David Bruce (16). Resident with parents in Larkhall. Appointed June, 1912. Present salary, £15. Increase recommended, £5, making salary £20.

Chemical Laboratory.

Walter Brown (31). Married. Resident in Hamilton. Appointed in January, 1907. Present salary, £150. Last increase, £30, in May, 1910. Increase recommended, £50, making salary £200.

Duties.—All chemical analyses required by the District Committees or their officials, including analyses of samples of water, from private and public sources; samples of trade material, such as tar and whinstone used for road-making purposes; and samples of paint materials.

All chemical analyses required by the County Public Health Committee and their officials, including samples of polluting liquids—sewage and industrial—also samples of water from streams. Food stuffs—samples of milk, flour, whisky, &c. A considerable amount of analytical work has been done in connection with special investigations, such as was recently required for the Committee on milk standards and bleaching of flour and flour improvers. The number of samples analysed in 1907 was 761, and the number analysed in 1912 has increased to 2,278.

Inspectors.

Robert M'Naughton (37). Married. Resident in Hamilton. Appointed in June, 1900. Present salary, £135. Last increase, £20, in September, 1911. Increase recommended, £25, making salary £160.

Duties.—Inspector under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts in the large industrial and most populous areas of the County. Has had considerable experience in the analyses of water and sewage, and assists in the Chemical Laboratory when necessary.

Charles Macara (37). Married. Resident in Blantyre. Appointed in June, 1900, Present salary, £125. Last increase, £10, in September, 1911. Increase recommended, £25, making salary £150.

Duties.—Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts, Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, Shop Hours Act; and under the County Bye-laws regulating places of public refreshment he deals with structural arrangements and conditions of the premises.

Frank M'Arthur (31). Resident with parents in Larkhall. Appointed in March, 1903. Present salary £125. Last increase, £10, in September, 1911. Increase recommended, £25, making salary £150.

Duties.—Inspector under the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts, Food and Drugs Acts, Fertilisers and Feeding Stuffs Act, Shop Hours Act, and under the County Bye-laws regulating places of public refreshment he deals with structural arrangements and condition of the premises. In connection with special investigations and in the preparation of reports he has rendered special services. He has also given assistance to the Chemist in the Laboratory during the recent special milk sampling.

Duncan J. Black (24). Resident with parents in Hamilton. Appointed in August, 1912. Present salary, £85. Increase recommended, £15, making salary £100.

Duties.—Assists Inspector M'Ara and M'Arthur, and on his own account makes enquiries under the Shop Hours Act.

OFFICE.

John H. Lindsay. Resident in Bothwell. Appointed in October, 1903. Present salary, £110. Last increase, £10, in May, 1910. Increase recommended, £20, making salary £130.

Duties.—Senior clerk. General supervision of all office work. Charge of petty cash and checking business accounts. Annual report statistics. Preparing monthly report. Keeps register of work done in Bacteriological Laboratory: compiling monthly statistics and issuing lists and accounts to burghs.

Robert Gray (21). Resident in Hamilton. Appointed in June, 1906. Present salary, £70. Last increase, £10, in May, 1911. Increase recommended, £10, making salary £80.

Duties.—Correspondence clerk. Types all Medical Officer's correspondence, notes of inspections, special reports, &c. Enters and files letters received. Keeps special register of insured persons applying for sanatorium benefit, and correspondence in connection therewith. Assists in preparation of annual report.

ALTHOL WILLIAMSON (18). Resident in Hamilton. Appointed in May, 1909. Present salary, £40. Last increase, £5, in May, 1912. Increase recommended, £12, making salary £52.

Duties—Keeping food and drugs register. Assisting in preparation of annual returns to Local Government Board. Colouring special districts on maps and taking tracings of same. General office work, including typing.

THOMAS RUSSELL (17). Resident in Bothwell. Appointed in February, 1911. Present salary, £25. Last increase, £10, in May, 1912. Increase recommended, £10, making salary £35.

Duties.—Keeps meteorological records. Types special reports for Food and Drugs and Rivers Pollution Inspectors. General office work.

WILLIAM IRONS (16). Resident in Hamilton. Appointed in October, 1912. Present salary, £15. Increase recommended, £5, making salary £20.

Duties.—Indexes letter books. Copies and despatches letters. Files notices of meetings. Attends telephone. Messages, &c.

JOHN T. WILSON,
County Medical Officer.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 7th April, 1913.

APPENDIX II.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

FLOUR "IMPROVERS."

While the investigations were being made and information collected in connection with the sale of bleached flour, strong representations were made by several flour millers and flour importers as to the increasing prevalence of adding so-called "improvers" to flour. An effort was therefore made to obtain evidence of such "improved" flour being sold throughout the county, without any definite results. We have, however, obtained from flour millers copies of trade circulars they have received, which clearly show that a strong effort is being made to induce them and others to use chemical substances as so-called "improvers." Samples of a number of the "improvers" referred to in these circulars were also obtained and examined in the chemical laboratory.

The circulars are as follows:—

Hartshead Mills,
Stalybridge, November, 1912.

Many millers who buy their raw material at fractions of a penny are to-day buying flour improvers, the constituents of which are well known, at inflated prices, simply because they are offered under fancy names. We manufacture more flour improvers than all the other firms put together, chiefly because we make throughout, right from base, every known description of flour improver. We might instance persulphate of potash, which is one of the flour improvers we offer. We possess the only plant in the Kingdom for making this, and our prices are about 25 per cent. below dealers'.

The following are a few of our lines, any of which we shall be pleased to quote you for at pounds per ton less than other makers or dealers:—

VICTOR A.—Wheat Flour and Phosphoric Acid dried and dressed to a flour.
VICTOR B.—Wheat Flour and Acid Phosphate of Ammonia dried and dressed to flour.
*VICTOR C.—A specially treated wheat flour.
VICTOR POWDER.—A pure Persulphate of Potassium used at the rate of about ½ oz. to 280 lbs. of flour.
VICTOR PHOSPHATE.—A very pure Acid Phosphate of Calcium specially wind sifted.
LIQUID PHOSPHORIC ACID.—For spraying into flour.
PHOSPHATE OF AMMONIA.—For spraying into flour.

We shall be pleased to submit samples and extremely low prices on request, or we shall be pleased to match any sample you care to send us and quote *our* prices.—

VICTORS, LIMITED.

12th March, 1913.

Britain's largest phosphate manufacturers invite you to send for samples of their pure acid phosphate.

Our works are the only works which have been built since the Local Government Board Report, with the result that we possess the only works which have been laid down specially to manufacture pure acid phosphate, free from sulphate and other deleterious material. All the other works have had to adapt their old plant to the new conditions. We are in a position to offer you prompt deliveries of the finest acid phosphate it is possible to manufacture (which we sell without any fancy names) at commercial prices.

There is no doubt that a good acid phosphate gives the best all-round results as a flour improver, and as it has been now extensively used within the knowledge of the authorities for several years, there seems no doubt that custom has established the use of it as legal. We should be pleased to hear if we can send you on a sample sack or two.

We also manufacture feeders, which we offer on exceptionally good terms, to enable millers to test who have not got facilities for testing or using the improver.

Esteeming your valued enquiry.

VICTORS, LIMITED.

* Victor Powder incorporated with wheat flour. In another circular they also include "Enzyme flour, contains nothing foreign to wheat, 16 ozs. is used to 280 lbs."

47 Great Tower Street,
London, E.C., 1912.

At times when strong wheats are relatively dear, a process for strengthening flour should be of great interest to the miller, as it would enable him to increase his profits by using a larger proportion of wheats, such as English, which, although weaker, are noted for their sweetness and flavour. If at the same time it can be shown that his flour is actually improved in its baking qualities, the process must be of exceptional value.

We should like to bring to your notice a substance called " Salox " which has this property. It was only patented in February of this year, but it is already in use by a number of millers in different parts of the country.

" Salox " is a pure and harmless salt, in fine powder. It is added to the flour in the exceedingly small proportion of one part of " Salox " to 5,000 of flour (or, say, one ounce per sack).

When " Salox " is added to flour in this proportion the flour is improved in the following ways :—

(1) It will absorb from two to four quarts per sack more water in the doughing process, and give a correspondingly greater yield of bread.

(2) The dough will be livelier, will work and handle better, and have greater stability.

(3) Any tendency towards stickiness (even if the dough is left beyond the proper time) will be corrected.

(4) The loaf will rise better in the oven, and when baked will be larger, lighter, moister, and of better texture. The crumb will be whiter, and the crust crisper.

The only residium in the loaf as a result of using "Salox" is a minute proportion of a harmless salt, which is a normal constituent of wheat and of many drinking waters (about from 0·007 per cent. to 0·015 per cent. of the bread).

The beneficial effect of an addition of " Salox " extends both to strong flours, like Manitobans and Russians, and weaker ones like Plates and English.

It is of great value with wheat-meals, which should be treated with a rather larger proportion of " Salox," say two ounces per sack.

We are prepared to supply " Salox " in 1 cwt. casks, at 2s. per lb., or by the ton, at 1s. 10d. per lb. The purchase of " Salox " from us includes the right to add it to the flour without payment of any royalty.

The cost of treatment thus amounts to 1½d. per sack, and the improvement effected in the flour will be found to be at least 1s. per sack. This may seem a bold claim, but in one test recently made with flour manufactured from Plate wheat, the extra yield per sack was as much as 5 quarterns of bread, the treated flour having absorbed six quarts of water more per sack than the same flour untreated. In this case the benefit in yield alone amounted to 2s. per sack, to say nothing of the improvement in the size, the colour, and the texture of the bread.

No expensive plant is required to mix in the "Salox."

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T. S. MEDILL & SONS, LIMITED,
Agents for Patentees.

George Leigh Street,
Manchester, 6th December, 1912.

WHEAT PHOS., ACID CALCIUM PHOSPHATE.

The above are two recognised flour improvers now being offered by many makers to the milling trade under various names and styles. We clearly declare what these products are.

Wheat Phos., as implied, is purely a mixture of wheat and phosphoric acid. It contains no foreign element, and *cannot be detected by any test whatever*. Moreover, the flour ash is not increased as with most flour improvers.

Calcium Phosphate.—This is an article which has long been offered to the trade, and though frequently used, can easily be detected in the flour. Its action is somewhat similar to the Wheat Phos., but, inasmuch as the ash of the flour is increased and is easily detected, Wheat Phos. is in our opinion more preferable.

Both the above-mentioned improvers are used in the proportion of 1 lb. to the sack of flour (280 lbs.)

We quote as under :—

Wheat Phos., £27 per ton nett delivered.

Acid Calcium Phosphate, £25 per ton nett delivered.

We shall be pleased to submit samples on application, and place ourselves at your disposal for all information.

COOK, TWEEDALE, & LINDSAY, LIMITED.

Victoria Buildings,
Manchester, 30th October, 1912.

We are in receipt of your letter, for which we are obliged, and we have pleasure in sending you samples of *our B.L. Flour and Semolina, both of which are in large use in Glasgow.* In each case one lb. is used to the 280 lb. sack, and we supply feeders to automatically feed them into the run of your mill. Our present price is £26 per ton delivered. We enclose you a small booklet, in confidence, referring to flour improvers.

For the SEMOLINA CO., LTD.,
B. LUNN, *Director.*

P.S.—We supply over 200 *mills,* a number of which have used this for several years.

ENCLOSURE WITH PRECEDING LETTER.

So many flour improvers are now being offered to millers that the writer (the first to ever offer improvers to millers) is of the opinion that millers should know the composition of the various improvers offered to them. Following are the composition and characteristics of some of the improvers being offered to the trade:—

SEMOLINA, Patent No. 3673, 1910. Semolina Company, Ltd., Manchester. A mixture of wheat semolina, and phosphoric acid. After mixing, it is dried and then dressed to a flour. Contains nothing foreign to wheat, and cannot be separated out from the flour by shaking in chloroform, or detected in any way. Does not increase the amount of ash of the flour.

ENZYME FLOUR, Perry & Hope, Ltd., Nitshill, Glasgow. Flour impregnated with a hot mixture of ammonia and phosphoric acid at 80° Twaddle, in about equal proportions. The acid phosphate of ammonia, on cooling, forms minute crystals of phosphate ammonia. The whole is then dried and dressed to flour. Can easily be detected by shaking up some of the flour containing it in a test tube with methylated chloroform; after standing, the phosphate of ammonia sinks to the bottom of the tube, and the pure flour floats to the top. The sediment, if separated and warmed in a test tube, will give off ammonia fumes.

SALOX. A chemically pure persulphate of potash, which, when heated, gives off oxygen. When mixed in recommended proportions, it cannot be detected, unless a very large quantity was used. The presence of potash is usually determined by burning the substance on a platinum wire dipped in hydrochloric acid, and holding in a bunsen burner. On looking at the flame through a piece of blue glass, potash gives off a bright violet flame. Potash, however, is present naturally in wheat.

BAKER & CO., LTD., MANCHESTER. A very finely dressed acid phosphate of calcium, made by combining phosphoric acid with ground ash made from calcined bones. The oldest form of flour improver, and easily detected in flour by floating in chloroform and other methods.

WEAVER REFINING CO., LTD., Acton Bridge. Same as sold by Baker & Co. Acid Phosphates are all made the same way, but differ by having various amounts of sulphuric acid present.

VICTOR FLOUR. Victors, Ltd., Stalybridge. Wheat flour mixed with phosphoric acid, dried and dressed finely. Floats in chloroform, and cannot be detected.

VICTOR POWDER. Victors, Ltd., Stalybridge. Persulphate of potash, similar to Salox. English made and free from perchlorate. Cannot be detected.

No. 2 IMPROVER B. Victors, Ltd., Stalybridge. Same as Enzyme of Perry & Hope. Can be detected by floating in chloroform and other tests.

REPORT BY THE CHEMIST.

The samples examined comprised *acid calcium phosphate, wheat phosphate, improved Salox, improved Salox flour, "Semolina" and B.L. Flour;* and some notes of the the analyses are here given:—

Acid Calcium Phosphate.—The best quality is prepared by treating calcined bone ash with phosphoric acid or sulphuric acid. The sample examined had no doubt been prepared by the use of sulphuric acid, and is recommended to be added to flour at the rate of 1 lb. to each 280 lb. sack. It was of a greyish-white colour, had a strong acid taste, and a peculiar penetrating odour resembling that of the phosphatic manures. It was found to contain mono-basic calcium phosphate $Ca\,H_4\,(PO\,4)_2$, soluble in water; di-basic calcium phosphate $Ca_2\,H_2\,(PO_4)_2$, soluble in citric acid; tri-basic calcium phosphate, $Ca_3\,(PO_4)_2$, soluble in strong mineral acids, and calcium sulphate.

The phosphate in the " improved " flour was easily detected by treating 10 grams with methylated chloroform in a separating funnel. The flour floats, while the mineral matter settles and can be separated. The chloroform can then be evaporated, and the residue tested for phosphates and calcium. The addition of this " improver " to flour also largely increases the percentage of ash. The amount of ash in untreated flour was ·44 per cent., and in flour treated with the proportion of " improver " recommended ·70 per cent.

Wheat Phosphate is sold under this name, or under fancy names such as " Semolina," and is prepared by impregnating semolina with phosphoric acid. The semolina is then dried and dressed to a flour, which is added at the rate of 1 lb. to every 280 lb. sack of flour.

The sample examined was of a brownish colour, and had a peculiar sweet odour and distinct acid taste. It contains no phosphoric acid soluble in water, and was not detected in flour by the chloroform test, and did not affect the amount of ash.

Improved Salox or Potassium Persulphate.—This is prepared by electrolysis of a saturated solution of potassium hydrogen sulphate. It is a white powder, with very strong acid taste, soluble in water, solutions gradually decomposing and being converted into sulphates with the liberation of oxygen.

Salox is recommended to be added to ordinary flour at the rate of 1 ounce to 280 lbs., half this quantity to top patents, and $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce per 280 lbs. to very strong wheats.

Improved Salox Flour is probably flour with which a certain quantity of Salox has been incorporated to render mixing more efficient. It is advised to be added to flour as follows :—ordinary flour, 1 lb. ; top patents, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. ; and very strong flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. per 280 lbs. " B.L. Flour " resembles this preparation.

On examination, solutions of Improved Salox and Improved Salox Flour gave heavy reactions for sulphates when treated with barium chloride, but no reaction was obtained with flour to which the above additions were made. No doubt however, tests will be devised whereby additions of preparations such as Salox and Wheat Phosphate can be recognised, and investigations in this direction will be continued.

The effect of the addition of these chemical substances to flour is generally stated by the manufacturers who prepare them and put them on the market to be that the quality and appearance of the bread made from treated flour are improved; that a greater number of loaves can be obtained from a given quantity of flour; that the working of the dough in baking is made easier; and that it is possible, in milling and blending, to make greater use of weak and cheaper wheats, which are alleged to be improved as regards strength and water absorbing capacity. The manufacturers also in most cases insist that nothing is added which is not normally present in flour (which is questionable), and that the detection of an " improver " in many cases is impossible. The chief commercial benefits seem to lie in the statement that the value of weak wheats is increased, and that a greater number of loaves can be obtained from a given quantity of flour. This gain in production is due to the increased amount of water absorbed by the treated flour, which obviously means a diminished amount of flour in each loaf.

The subject was referred to in the report by Dr. Hamill to the Local Government Board on bleached flour, in which he gives some information on the subject. The " improvers " referred to by Dr. Hamill are as follows :—(1) Solutions of acid potassium phosphate, &c., applied by a form of spray or " atomiser " to the flour, either during the process of milling or after; (2) a mixture of acid potassium phosphate and wheat diastase; (3) acid potassium and magnesium phosphates mixed with flour; (4) acid calcium phosphate; (5) phosphoric acid; and (6) phosphoric acid incorporated with semolina. Water, or water and glycerine, are also sometimes used. These increase the amount of moisture in the flour. With regard to acid calcium phosphate, various grades are manufactured—the higher grades by the treatment of bone ash with phosphoric acid, and the lower grades by acting on bone ash with sulphuric acid, both of which are offered as flour "improvers." In the latter case the "improver"

may contain 50 per cent. or more of calcium sulphate and an appreciable amount of arsenic.

Dr. Hamill's report concludes—"The increasing activity which is now being displayed in the use of different articles as additions to flour must be regarded with considerable apprehension. It does not appear desirable that such an indispensable foodstuff as flour, the purity and wholesomeness of which are of first importance to the community, should be manipulated and treated with foreign substances, the utility of which, from the point of view of the consumer, is more than questionable."

J. T. W.

County Offices,
Hamilton, 4th April, 1913.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT BUILDING BYE-LAWS.

22nd January, 1913.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, on Wednesday, 22nd January, 1913, being a meeting of the sub-committee of the Public Health Committee of the County Council of Lanark, appointed to consider the Bye-laws for regulating the building and rebuilding of houses and buildings in the District of the Middle Ward.

Present—

J. Raeside Auld. | James H. Fenton.
Robert Lambie.

Attending—

W. E. Whyte, Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee.
Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

Chairman.

Mr. Lambie, chairman of the sub-committee, presiding.

Notice calling meeting.

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting.

Remit to sub-committee.

The Clerk laid before the meeting the remit to the sub-committee, as contained in the minute of the Public Health Committee of date 8th January, 1913, which was in the following terms :—

"The Clerk submitted to the meeting the Bye-laws for regulating the building or rebuilding of houses or buildings in the District of the Middle Ward, which had had been remitted to this committee by the County Council, with powers. The meeting agreed to remit these Bye-laws to the following sub-committee, with power, to consider and, if so resolved, to approve of the Bye-laws, with such modification thereon as they may deem advisable, viz. :—

J. Raeside Auld.	George Fraser.
James H. Fenton.	Robert Lambie.

Mr. Lambie to be chairman of the sub-committee, and two a quorum."

Proposed Bye-laws.

The Clerk also laid before the meeting a print of the proposed Bye-laws, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the sub-committee. He explained that the proposed Bye-laws, which were the existing Bye-laws altered to bring them up to date, had already been approved by the Middle Ward District Committee. Most of the alterations were verbal and self explanatory. He thought, however, that it might be necessary to reconsider the terms of Bye-law No. 13, in view of possible ambiguity in its interpretation, and he suggested an alternative form which would meet the difficulty, and of which the meeting approved generally.

Mr Fenton drew attention to the provision in Bye-law No. 7 stipulating that the minimum air space in hollow walls should be 4 inches, and suggested that this requirement might be modified to 3 inches.

After full consideration, the meeting agreed to remit to the Clerk and Mr. Whyte to consider the points raised, and to suggest any amendments which they might think desirable on the terms of the Bye-laws referred to.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON MILK STANDARD.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 26th February, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Public Health Committee of the County Council of Lanark appointed in connection with the question of Milk Standard. — 26th February, 1913.

Present—

Colonel BUCHANAN. | ROBERT LAMBIE.
WILLIAM LOVE.

Mr. Lambie in the chair. — *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. — *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk intimated an apology from Dr. Wilson, who had another important engagement to fulfil. — *Apology.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the sub-committee, of date 6th November, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved of by the Public Health Committee, were laid before the meeting and signed. — *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from the County Medical Officer, of date 22nd February, transmitting a First Report by him of the investigations into the quality and variations in the quality of milk produced under ordinary conditions of dairying, a print of which had been sent to each member of the sub-committee. — *Milk Standard.—First Report by County Medical Officer.*

The meeting agreed that, pending completion of the further investigations to be made by the County Medical Officer in the matter, the facts brought out in the report should not be made public, and that further consideration of the question be continued. — *Report to be treated as private until completion of County Medical Officers' investigations.*

It was agreed that, as the question was one in connection with which it might be desirable to make representation to the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, there should be prepared and submitted to the next meeting a note of the main points which might be discussed with the Board, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly. — *Proposed representation to Board of Agriculture.*

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OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

HAIRMYRES REFORMATORY.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 5th March, 1913; being a Meeting of the Committee appointed by the County Council on 18th January, 1911, to consider and report upon the question of the future use of the Reformatory at Hairmyres. 5th March, 1913.

Present—

J. Raeside Auld. | George Fraser.
William Barr. | Robert Lambie.
James H. Fenton. | William Neilson.
Colonel King Stewart.

Attending—

Dr. Wilson, County Medical Officer.

Mr. Lambie was appointed chairman of the meeting. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting two communications which he had received relating to the Reformatory, viz.:— *Requests for use of Hairmyres Reformatory.—Letters from*

(1) G. C. Cossar, 173 High Street, Glasgow, enquiring whether a lease of the Reformatory could be obtained for the purpose of a training school for youths desiring to acquire a knowledge of gardening and farming, and, if so, on what terms; and *(1) G. C. Cossar, 173 High Street, Glasgow.*

(2) District Committee of the Middle Ward, enquiring whether the County Council were prepared to consider a proposal for the transference to and utilisation by the District Committee of the Middle Ward of Hairmyres Home for the purposes of the treatment of tuberculosis in the Middle Ward District. *(2) District Committee of Middle Ward.*

The meeting, after consideration, instructed the Clerk to make reply to the former communication that, in view of the probability of the Reformatory being used in connection with the treatment of phthisis, they could not recommend the County Council to entertain the proposal indicated in the letter. *First request not granted.*

With regard to the proposal of the Middle Ward District Committee, the meeting agreed to continue it for further consideration. *Second continued.*

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

JOINT-COMMITTEE ON PROVISION OF SANATORIA.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 5th March, 1913, being a Meeting of the Joint-Committee appointed by the County Council and the several District Committees in regard to the provision of Sanatoria for the treatment of Tuberculosis. 5th March, 1913.

Present—

As representing the County Council—

GEORGE FRASER. | WILLIAM NEILSON.
ROBERT LAMBIE. | Colonel KING STEWART.
JAMES TONNER.

As representing the Upper Ward District Committee—

JAMES H. FENTON. | NATHANIEL D. I. O. GOLD.
Rev. CHRISTOPHER M'KUNE.

As representing the Middle Ward District Committee—

JOHN C. BURNS. | ALEXANDER HAMILTON.
JAMES CAMERON. | JOHN JACKSON.
THOMAS G. COWAN. | WILLIAM TEMPLETON.
DAVID THOMSON.

As representing the Lower Ward District Committee—

A. H. J. BRIGGS. | WALTER C. B. CHRISTIE.

Attending—

Dr. WILSON, County Medical Officer.
A. W. PATERSON, Clerk to the District Committee of the Upper Ward.
W. E. WHYTE, Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward.
J. G. KENNEDY, as representing James A. M'Callum, Clerk to the District Committee of the Lower Ward.

Mr. Lambie, Chairman of the Joint-Committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the last meeting of the Joint-Committee, of date, 9th October, 1912, which had been submitted to and approved of by the County Council, were laid before the meeting and signed. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the remit made by the Joint-Committee, he had had several meetings with the County Medical Officer, the three District Clerks, and the Clerk to the County Insurance Committee, with a view to the preparation of a report dealing with the whole question of Sanatoria and other treatment of tuberculosis, with special regard to the correlation of the work of the various Authorities interested, but that on account of difference of views it had been found impossible to adjust an unanimous report. *Statement by Clerk regarding remit to Officials.*

Provision of Sanatoria.—Communication from Local Government Board.

As relative to the same matter, the Clerk submitted a communication, of date 30th January, which he had received from the Local Government Board enquiring whether the County Council were yet in a position to submit a scheme for the provision of sanatoria.

Letter from Clerk to District Committee of Middle Ward.

The Clerk submitted and read to the meeting a letter from the Clerk to the District Committee of the Middle Ward, which was in the following terms, viz :—

"District Offices,
"Hamilton, 4th January, 1913.

"DEAR SIR,

"TUBERCULOSIS: SANATORIA.

"I am instructed by the District Committee to send you the enclosed print of a Report which has, by their direction, been prepared by the Medical Officer of Health and myself with the view to an application being made by the County Council to the Local Government Board for a Grant in aid under the Finance Act, 1911, towards the adaptation, erection, and equipment of Sanatoria and other Institutions in the Middle Ward District for the treatment of Tuberculosis, and I shall be obliged if you will submit same to your Committee as early as possible.

"The District Committee have gone carefully into the whole matter and are strongly of the opinion that in respect both of the work which they have done, and the provision which they have made, and are in course of making, for dealing with the disease they have good grounds for claiming generous consideration by way of grant at the hands of the Local Government Board. They trust that they may have the strong support of the County Council in their application, and they will be pleased to afford any information or data that may be desired additional to what is contained in the Report.

"I was directed, in transmitting the Report to the County Council, to request the Council to say whether they were prepared to consider a proposal for the transference to, and utilisation by, the District Committee of the Hairmyres Home for the purposes of the treatment of tuberculosis in the Middle Ward District, and perhaps you will be good enough to let me hear from you as to this at your early convenience.

"Yours, &c.,

(Sgd.) "W. F. WHYTE.

"*P.S.*—I can let you have additional prints of the Report if you wish.

(Intld.) "W. E. W."

Sub-Committee appointed to confer with Officials.

After discussion, the meeting appointed the following sub-committee to confer with the officials on the subject with a view to a satisfactory scheme being adjusted for the whole County if that be practicable, and to report, viz. :—

Robert Lambie.	Colonel King Stewart.
John C. Burns.	Walter C. B. Christie.
James H. Fenton.	William Neilson.

Mr. Lambie to be chairman of the sub-committee.

Letter from Clerk to Glasgow Burgh Insurance Committee enquiring as to accommodation in County for treatment of tuberculosis patients.

The Clerk submitted to the meeting a letter from Mr. William Jones, Clerk to Glasgow Burgh Insurance Committee, enquiring as to the number of beds available for the treatment of tuberculosis in the County, and whether, in the event of his Committee entering into an arrangement for the purpose, any of the beds could be made available for the treatment of patients recommended by his committee.

The meeting, in view of the present position of matters, instructed the Clerk to say that, meantime, definite information on the point raised could not be afforded.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

SUB-COMMITTEE OF JOINT-COMMITTEE ON PROVISION OF SANATORIA.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 19th March, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Joint Committee appointed by the County Council and the several District Committees in regard to the provision of Sanatoria for the Treatment of Tuberculosis. 19th March, 1913.

Present—

JOHN C. BURNS. | ROBERT LAMBIE.
WALTER C. B. CHRISTIE. | WILLIAM NEILSON.
Colonel KING STEWART.

Attending—

Dr. WILSON, County Medical Officer.
A. W. PATERSON, Clerk to the Upper Ward District Committee.
W. E. WHYTE, Clerk to the Middle Ward District Committee.
JAS. A. M'CALLUM, Clerk to the Lower Ward District Committee.
W. M. MARSHALL, Clerk to the Lanark County Insurance Committee.

Mr. Lambie, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, presiding. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The Clerk submitted to the meeting the remit to the Sub-Committee as contained in the Minutes of the Joint Committee of the County Council and the several District Committees of date 5th March, 1913. *Remit.*

There was laid before the meeting a Memorandum (appendix), a copy of which had been sent to each member of the Sub-Committee. The Clerk explained that, while the Report had been considered at several meetings of the officials, its conclusions were not finally adopted, and that accordingly it did not bear the unanimous views of the officials. *Report by officials submitted.*

The meeting, after further discussion of the various aspects of the question, adjourned consideration. *Consideration adjourned.*

APPENDIX.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

TUBERCULOSIS: SANATORIA.

In accordance with the instructions of the Joint-Committee on this subject to prepare a Report setting out a scheme for adequately dealing with Tuberculosis in the County, and grouping up in such scheme the interests of the various authorities and agencies whose powers and duties are concerned therewith, the following information and views are respectfully submitted:—

It will be of advantage in the first place to state the powers, duties, and position of each authority in relation to the treatment of Tuberculosis as these will fall to be exercised under the legislation and Orders now prevailing. Shortly stated, then, these are:—

COUNTY COUNCIL.

The powers of the County Council under the Public Health Act, 1897, mainly relate to capital works, borrowing, the acquisition of land and rating, but under the National Insurance Act they enter directly into the question of providing and maintaining sanatoria for the treatment of Tuberculosis. The provisions of the Insurance Act in this connection are contained in Section 64, which is as follows:—

> (1) If under any other Act of the present session any sum is made available for the purposes of the provision of or making grants in aid to sanatoria and other institutions for the treatment of Tuberculosis or such other diseases as the Local Government Board with the approval of the Treasury may appoint, such sum shall be distributed by the Local Government Board with the consent of the Treasury in making grants for those purposes, and the Treasury before giving their consent shall consult with the Insurance Commissioners:
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> Provided that such sum shall be apportioned between England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland in proportion to their respective populations ascertained in accordance with the returns of the census taken in the year nineteen hundred and eleven.
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> (2) If any such grant is made to a County Council, the Local Government Board may authorise the County Council to provide any such institution, and, where so authorised, the County Council shall have power to erect buildings and to manage and maintain the institution, and for that purpose to enter into agreements and make arrangements with the Insurance Committees and other authorities and persons, and to do all such things as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid, and any expenses of the County Council, so far as not defrayed out of the grant, shall be defrayed out of the County fund as expenses for general County purposes, or, if the Order of the Local Government Board so directs, as expenses for special County purposes charged on such part of the County as may be provided by the Order.

(3) For the purpose of facilitating co-operation amongst County Councils, County Borough Councils, and other Local Authorities (not being Poor Law Authorities) for the provision of such sanatoria and other institutions as aforesaid, the Local Government Board may by Order make such provisions as appear to them necessary or expedient, by the constitution of Joint-Committees, Joint-Boards, or otherwise, for the joint-exercise by such Councils and Authorities of their powers in relation thereto, and any such Order may provide how, in what proportions, and out of what funds or rates the expenses of providing such institutions, so far as they are not defrayed out of grants under this section, are to be defrayed, and may contain such consequential, incidental, and supplemental provisions as may appear necessary for the purposes of the Order, and an Order so made shall be binding and conclusive in respect of the matters to which it relates.

(4) An Insurance Committee may, with the consent of the Insurance Commissioners, enter into agreements with any person or authority (other than a Poor Law Authority) that, in consideration of such person or authority providing treatment in a sanatorium or other institution or otherwise for persons recommended by the Committee for sanatorium benefit, the Committee will contribute out of the funds available for sanatorium benefit towards the maintenance of the institution, or provision of such treatment, such annual or other payment, and subject to such conditions and for such period as may be agreed, and any such agreement shall be binding on the Committee and their successors, and any sums payable by the Committee thereunder may be paid by the Insurance Commissioners and deducted from the sums payable to the Committee for the purposes of sanatorium benefit.

Finance, Erection of Sanatoria, &c.

Section 64 (1), read in connection with Section 16 (1) (*b*) of the Finance Act, 1911, makes available a sum of £1,500,000 for the purpose of the provision of and making grants in aid to sanatoria and other institutions in the United Kingdom. These grants are to be distributed in England, Scotland, and Ireland, by the Local Government Board, with the consent of the Treasury, who, in turn, are to consult the Insurance Commissioners before giving their consent. In Wales the distribution is in the hands of the Welsh Insurance Commission, subject to the consent of the Treasury. It is to be observed that the institutions to which grants may be made are not confined to institutions for the use of insured persons. The money is available for the provision of institutions for the use of the whole population. The £1,500,000 is to be apportioned between England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland in proportion to their respective populations, on the census of 1911. Thus, roughly, about £1,116,000 will be apportioned to England, £81,000 to Wales, £158,000 to Scotland, and £145,000 to Ireland.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

The District Committees are, in their respective Districts, the Local Authority under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, and are thus charged with the duty of undertaking the treatment and control of all kinds of infectious disease within their area.

The work done by each of the District Committees in the prevention, detection, and treatment of tuberculosis has been referred to in the Annual

Reports of the Medical Officer of Health since the year 1905, and is here discussed under four headings, viz.:—notification, visitation, disinfection, and hospital treatment. It will be found that the work has related mainly to patients suffering from the pulmonary form of Tuberculosis, although a few glandular cases have also been dealt with. In carrying out this work the Committees have utilised to the fullest extent the services and hospital accommodation at their disposal, but they have so far not introduced any specialised service.

Notification.—Voluntary notification was tried for two years from about the middle of 1905 to 1907, but it was found that only cases which seemed to require hospital treatment were notified, and that many of these were in an advanced stage of the disease. The disease was then made compulsorily notifiable under the Notification Act, when it was expected that all cases would be notified at once to the Medical Officer of Health as soon as the medical practitioner became aware of the nature of the illness. Experience, however, has shown that a considerable number of the cases escape notification altogether; others are only notified when the disease is advanced, and a few are only brought under notice when death occurs. As a medical practitioner had been in attendance on all fatal cases before death occurred, a communication was sent to each practitioner certifying those deaths, calling attention to the provisions of the Notification Act. The replies received in some cases stated that the medical practitioner was not aware that the disease had been made compulsorily notifiable; in other cases the medical practitioner thought that the cases had been notified already by some other doctor, and he did not think it necessary to notify again, and a few apologised, saying that the matter had quite slipped their memory. After five years' experience of the value of compulsory notification as a means for bringing persons suffering from pulmonary phthisis under observation, it has to be admitted that so far the results have been somewhat disappointing. This may be judged not only by the number of fatal cases never notified, but also by the many cases only notified a short time before death.

Visitation.—On receipt of a notification a visit is made first by the Sanitary Inspector, and information obtained on a form prepared for the purpose. Should the medical attendant consider a visit unnecessary, the form is forwarded for the information desired. When a case desires hospital treatment, that is arranged for, and printed instructions are given. In the earlier days, 1905-6, the resident physician at the two larger hospitals gave much valuable help in visiting most of the patients before they were admitted to hospital. They were then instructed as to the precautions to be observed in the home, and advised as to the open-air treatment they would receive at the Hospital. More recently the two Assistant Medical Officers of Health have visited many of the homes. These medical visits arose sometimes from requests by the family doctor, sometimes because other illnesses in the family were suspected to be tuberculous, and sometimes because of difficulty in diagnosis.

Disinfection.—After the removal of a patient to hospital the premises where he had been were disinfected in the manner adopted for acute infectious diseases. When a patient died at home a thorough cleaning of the house was usually done by the occupiers. Disinfection was offered, but sometimes the cleaning had been done before the Sanitary Officer knew of the death. The need for intimation of removal from a house is pointed out in a printed notice referring to Section 53 of the Public Health Act, which requires the person who ceases to occupy a house in which there has been some one suffering from an infectious disease to have disinfection carried out to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer. Yet removal sometimes takes place without either intimation or disinfection. The arrangements for disinfection are for many reasons considered unsatisfactory, and will be further considered.

Hospital Treatment.—In the special report, issued in July, 1906, the County Medical Officer gave the history of the action taken by the County Council, commencing with December, 1900, and ending with June, 1905, when the District Committees resolved to admit to their hospitals persons suffering from Pulmonary Phthisis so long as there was suitable accommodation available, the Medical Officer of Health being instructed to carry out the necessary arrangements. This work was begun at a time when there was a limited prevalence of ordinary infectious disease, and when several ward-pavilions were standing empty in the hospitals of the Middle and Lower Ward Districts. The work done since then is shown in the District Reports, and is here summarised. It is satisfactory to be able to state that no one has been denied the benefits of hospital treatment.

Table showing the Results of Enquiries in Tracing Persons known to be Suffering from Pulmonary Phthisis, distinguishing between those Treated at Home and those Treated in Hospital, and Sanatoria provided by the District Committee.

* *Treated at Home.*

Year.	Cases.	Died.	Left District.	Not Traced.	Present Condition. Institution.	At Work.	Improved.	Not Improved.
1906, ...	143	79	23	29	...	4	5	3
1907, ...	104	70	11	9	3	10	...	1
1908, ...	247	159	30	14	15	14	14	1
1909, ...	251	154	43	23	9	11	8	3
1910, ...	207	118	26	8	19	24	11	1
1911, ...	222	115	22	11	11	23	33	7
Up to 31st May, 1912,	108	38	7	3	1	6	22	31
Total, ...	1,282	733	162	97	58	92	93	47

Treated in Hospital.

Year.	Cases.	Died.	Left District.	Not Traced.	Institution.	Present Condition. At Work.	Improved.	Not Improved.
1906, ...	208	130	40	17	...	15	2	4
1907, ...	177	109	36	7	...	15	5	5
1908, ...	158	72	35	14	...	23	10	4
1909, ...	186	87	29	7	...	35	18	10
1910, ...	275	103	52	16	...	56	39	9
1911, ...	229	74	14	10	...	43	64	24
Up to 31st May, 1912,	109	13	1	...	...	4	67	24
Total, ...	1,342	588	207	71	...	191	205	80
Grand Total, ...	2,624	1,321	369	168	58	283	298	127

The above table shows that 1,342 cases suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis have been admitted to Hospitals since 1906. It should be remembered that a large number of these patients were re-admitted, and some of them more than once. The actual number of admissions since 1906 amounted to about 1,800.

By Order of the Local Government Board, dated 18th June, 1912, Pulmonary Tuberculosis has, as from 1st August, 1912, been made a compulsorily notifiable disease—that is to say, the local authorities have now a similar responsibility for dealing with the disease as they have for dealing with, say, scarlet or enteric fever, or other infectious disease. It may be remarked that the action of the Local Government Board has given effect to a view of the Public Health Act expressed in Lanarkshire several years ago.

Reference should also be made to that part of the Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis dealing with Scotland, in which it is shown how, "by the exercise of the powers of the Public Health Acts and of the National Insurance Act, it is practicable in Scotland (*a*) to make extensive use of existing authorities, (*b*) to co-relate the activities of Public Health Authorities and Insurance Committees, (*c*) to provide a method whereby the central authorities may work in perfect co-ordination in the execution of their respective statutory duties, (*d*) to arrange that voluntary institutions, whether sanatoria, hospitals, dispensaries, or colonies, can, without undue sacrifice of autonomy, form an effective part of the official administration."

The Report proceeds—

LEGAL POWERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

The Local Authorities for the administration of the Public Health Acts in Scotland are:—

(*a*) For burghs—the Town Council.

(*b*) For counties divided into districts—the District Committee.

(*c*) For counties not divided into districts—the County Council.

The District Committee is composed partly of County Councillors and partly of members representing the Poor Law Authority (Parish Council). The County Council controls the finance of the District Committee.

The central authority is the Local Government Board for Scotland.

The principal Public Health Acts are (*a*) the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897; (*b*) the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889.

1. *Notification.*

(*a*) Pulmonary Tuberculosis is an infectious disease within the meaning of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897.

(*b*) Accordingly, any Local Authority may do in respect of Pulmonary Tuberculosis whatever it is entitled to do for any ordinary infectious disease, *e.g.*, enteric fever.

(*c*) In addition to the usual methods of obtaning information, the Local Authority may extend the Notification Act of 1889 to Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

(*d*) This extension has been made by Local Authorities representing over 60 per cent. of the population of Scotland.

(*e*) Whether the disease is compulsorily notifiable in any district or not, the Local Authority is entitled and obliged to apply the Public Health Act to Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

2. *Powers of Enquiry.*

(*a*) The Medical Officer of Health may "enter and inspect any house . . . "in which he has reason to believe that any infectious disease exists or has "recently existed." This enables him to deal with all sanitary conditions of housing, *e.g.*, overcrowding, dampness, darkness, &c.

(*b*) He "may examine any person found on such premises with a view to "ascertaining whether such person is suffering or has recently suffered from any "infectious disease." This authorises him to examine both actual patients and "contacts."

(*c*) These powers cover everything necessary for the full personal and environmental investigation of cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

(*d*) There are in the Act full powers of dealing with any insanitary conditions discovered.

3. *Disinfection and Cleansing.*

The Local Authority may, and when required by the Local Government Board, shall provide means for disinfecting clothing, bedding, &c., and has full powers itself, at its own expense, to disinfect and cleanse houses and clothing, or to require the householder to do so. These powers are very fully exercised.

4. *Removal to Hospital.*

Any person suffering from an infectious disease who is (1) without proper lodging or accommodation; (2) lodged where precautions cannot be taken against the spread of the disease; (3) lodged in a tent or van; (4) lodged in a room

occupied by others; (5) on board ship, may be removed to an hospital at the instance and cost of the Local Authority, on medical certificate by order of a Sheriff, Magistrate, or Justice.

Instead of ordering the removal of a patient, the Sheriff or Magistrate may order removal of other inmates to houses provided by the Local Authority. These powers are applicable to Pulmonary Tuberculosis; but, meanwhile, more patients ask for admission than the existing institutions can accommodate, and the exercise of the powers has been practically unnecessary. There is power in a proper case to detain a patient in hospital.

5. *School Clause.*

No infected child may be sent or admitted to school, and no child from an infected house can be sent or admitted to school, unless the Medical Officer or medical attendant certifies that "proper precautions" against the spread of infection have been taken, and that the child can attend school without risk.

Medical inspection of school children is now established all over Scotland.

6. *Infected Persons carrying on Business.*

There are sections giving powers to control infected persons in the exercise of business—*e.g.*, milking of animals, and other occupations connected with food—but these are too well known to need summarising.

7. *Hospitals (including Sanatoria), Convalescent Homes, Reception Houses.*

(*a*) Any Local Authority may, and, if required by the Board, shall, provide, furnish, and maintain for the use of inhabitants of their districts suffering from infectious disease, hospitals, temporary or permanent, and houses of reception for convalescents from infectious diseases, or for persons who have been exposed to infection.

(*b*) Thus the Board may *require* Local Authorities to provide: (1) hospitals, temporary or permanent, including sanatoria, shelters, and any other form of hospital; (2) houses for convalescents; (3) houses of reception for contacts.

(*c*) These powers cover every variety of house or hospital for the isolation and treatment of Tuberculosis—*e.g.*, sanatorium, isolation hospital, tents, shelters, open-air schools, holiday homes, colonies, day-camps, night-camps, &c.

(*d*) Such institutions are "for the use of inhabitants of their district."

(*e*) In order to realise these powers, the Local Authorities may: (1) themselves build hospitals or houses; (2) contract for the use of such hospital or house or part thereof; (3) enter into agreement with any person having the management of the same. This covers all ordinary methods of providing hospitals or convalescent houses or reception houses. But there is a further power: (4) The Local Authority may, with the consent of the Board, also, or in place of, providing such hospitals or houses, (*a*) employ nurses to attend persons in their own houses, (*b*) supply medicines, (*c*) supply medical attendance. This covers all that is involved either in dispensary or in domiciliary treatment; (5) the Local Authority may also "provide and maintain one or more portable hospitals for the use of their "districts." This includes portable shelters.

(*f*) Two or more Local Authorities may combine for all these purposes, and, if required by the Board, they must combine. Failing agreement, the Board can fix terms, and their determination is final. The site and plans of all such hospitals or houses must be approved by the Board.. The site may be within the district or within a convenient distance of the district. No contract for the use of an hospital or house can be entered into by the Local Authority without the sanction of the Board.

The above powers enable the Local Government Board for Scotland to require Local Authorities to provide out of rates for practically every variety of treatment included under the term "sanatorium benefit." With special reference to Tuberculosis, the powers of the Public Health Acts are supported and extended by the

provisions of the National Insurance Act, Sections 16, 17 and 64, and the additional funds made available will facilitate the extension of the activities of the Public Health Authorities both of town and county.

In a circular issued in 1906, on the Administrative Control of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, the Board expounded fully the obligations of Local Authorities and the various methods of developing, in a comprehensive scheme, their powers of prevention and treatment, including the provision of dispensaries in populous places, sanatoria, hospitals, day-camps, night-camps, health-colonies, &c. The response to the suggestions made in that and in subsequent circulars has been very widespread, and the official interest in Tuberculosis all over Scotland has attained to a very high level.

To voluntary effort, both in town and country, has been due a great deal of valuable work in the prevention and treatment of Tuberculosis. The Committee desire to express their great appreciation of this work and their hope that it may all be duly correlated with the scheme recommended.

In view of this recital of fact and law, it is obvious that the problem in Scotland has important aspects of its own. The Committee do not propose to enter into details as to arrangements to be made or measures taken or to be taken by the Scottish Central and Local Authorities. The Committee, however, desire to recommend that the establishment of the two main units, viz., (1) Dispensaries (including domiciliary treatment), and (2) Sanatoria, &c., should continue to be the basis of action in Scotland on the same main lines as in the other three countries. They desire further to indicate that the Highlands and islands raise, however, exceptionally difficult administrative and financial questions which it is not within the scope of this Report to discuss in detail.

INSURANCE COMMITTEES.

Section 59 of the National Insurance Act creates an Insurance Committee for every County and County Burgh.

Section 16 requires Insurance Committees to make arrangements with a view to providing treatment for insured persons suffering from Tuberculosis (*a*) in sanatoria and other institutions, with persons or local authorities (other than Poor Law authorities) having the management of sanatoria or other institutions approved by the Local Government Board; (*b*) otherwise than in sanatoria or other institutions, with persons and local authorities (other than Poor Law authorities) undertaking such treatment in a manner approved by the Local Government Board. The arrangement made by the Committees must be to the satisfaction of the Insurance Commissioners.

The same section provides, for the purpose of defraying the expense of providing this treatment, the sum of 1s. 3d. per annum in respect of each insured person, payable out of the insurance fund. A further sum of one penny in respect of each insured person is available from the Exchequer, but may be allocated by the Insurance Commissioners to research.

The section further provides that insured persons cannot claim treatment as a matter of right, but must be recommended for sanatorium benefit by the appropriate Insurance Committee.

Section 17 enables Insurance Committees, if they think fit, to extend similar treatment to the dependants of insured persons or to any class of such dependants. It further provides that if the sums made available by section 16 are not sufficient to provide for the treatment of insured persons and their dependants, the deficit may be made up in equal shares out of moneys

provided by Parliament and out of moneys derived from the County or Burgh rates, provided that the expenditure occasioning the deficit has received the sanction both of the Treasury and of the Council of the County or Burgh. For the purposes of this section, Burghs under 20,000 population are to be held to be part of the County.

Section 64 (4) enables Insurance Committees to enter into agreements with any person or authority (other than a Poor Law authority) that, in consideration of such person or authority providing treatment in a sanatorium or other institution or otherwise, the Committees will make annual or other payments, subject to such conditions and for such period as may be agreed, towards the maintenance of the institution or provision of treatment.

EDUCATIONAL AUTHORITIES.

Medical inspection of school children is now established all over Scotland, and it is suggested in the proposals which follow that use might be made advantageously of this agency in dealing in a comprehensive way with the recognition and treatment of Tuberculosis, and that co-operation with the Educational Authorities should be invited.

To summarise the foregoing explanations we find that the following outstanding points present themselves:—

First.—That if a grant is made to a County Council the Local Government Board may authorise, and if authorised, the Council shall have power to erect buildings and to manage and maintain suitable institutions for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

Second.—That it is now the duty of Local Authorities (*i.e.*, the District Committees), apart from the provisions of the National Insurance Act, to make provision for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

Third.—That "Sanatorium Benefit" for insured persons (and if so resolved for their dependants) is one of the benefits provided by the National Insurance Act. "Sanatorium Benefit," however, cannot be claimed as a matter of right, entire discretion being given to the Insurance Committees as to who shall receive it. The query at once suggests itself here—Where is the duty of the Local Authority to cease and the duty of the Insurance Committees to begin?

Fourth.—That the Local Authority will now be paid in respect of their treatment of such cases as may be chargeable to the Insurance Committees. The sums available under the National Insurance Act for defraying the expenses of "Sanatorium Benefit" in each year are—(*a*) 1s. 3d. in respect of each insured person resident in

the County payable out of the funds out of which benefits are payable under Part I. of the Act, and (*b*) one penny in respect of each such person payable out of moneys provided by Parliament; (*c*) any special grants from the Treasury and County Council.

Fifth.—That "Sanatorium Benefit" commenced as at 15th July. The term "Sanatorium Benefit," as used in the National Insurance Act, covers every form of treatment, institutional and non-institutional, that can be applied to persons suffering from Tuberculosis. It may be mentioned that a temporary arrangement has been made between the District Committees and the Insurance Committee for the treatment in hospital of persons recommended by the Insurance Committee, at a charge of 30s. per week per patient; and

Sixth.—That it is the duty of the Local Government Board to distribute the sums made available for the provision of, or making grants in aid to, sanatoria and other institutions for the treatment of Tuberculosis. It should be noted that before making a Grant the Board must be satisfied—

(*a*) As to the requirements of the area;
(*b*) as to the character of the provision proposed;
(*c*) as to the relation of such provision to any general scheme;
(*d*) as to whether the question of combination with other authorities has been adequately considered.

The Joint-Committee on 8th August made an inspection of the various Hospitals situated in the three Wards, and also of the Hairmyres Inebriates Home. For the purpose of concentration, the following particulars with respect to each of the institutions are extracted from the recently issued Memorandum by the Medical Officer of Health, some aditional notes being incorporated therewith:—

HAIRMYRES INSTITUTION.

The suggestion that Hairmyres Institution and grounds should be turned into a sanatorium for the treatment of consumptive patients was first discussed in May, 1906, and has been the subject of various Reports since that date. In October, 1909, a Joint-Report by the County Clerk and County Medical Officer of Health was submitted to a special Sub-Committee dealing with (1) the results of experience in the administrative control of pulmonary phthisis, and the need for providing further accommodation for the treatment of such cases; and (2) the results, financial and otherwise, of the working of Hairmyres Inebriate Reformatory. This Joint-Report deals with the work done by each of the District Committees up to the end of August, 1909, and shows that 965 patients had been treated in hospital up to that date.

On 30th March, 1910, a meeting of the Special Committee was held with reference to the proposal to appropriate the whole or part of the property at Hairmyres as a site for a consumptive sanatorium. A letter was submitted by the Medical Officer showing how that, at a small cost for the erection of chalets, the institution at Hairmyres could at once be utilised for twenty or more patients. The meeting agreed that the whole matter be continued.

The lands at Hairmyres extend to 85 acres, and afford a suitable site for the establishment of an institution dealing with all forms and all stages of Tuberculosis. The original cost of these lands was about £3,000, and the money expended in connection with the Reformatory is given by the County Clerk as follows :—

Erection of buildings, including attendant's cottage, installation of gas plant, outhouses, &c., ...	£4,420	0	0
Improvement of grounds for garden, ...	179	0	0
Furniture and furnishings, ...	320	0	0
Other expenses, ...	22	0	0
	£4,941	0	0

Previous Reports show that this institution and grounds could be made readily available for the treatment of Tuberculosis, and could be developed to any extent that might be required. The ground facing the south is somewhat bleak, so that buildings on that side of the existing plantation would be exposed to south-west winds. Protection could no doubt be afforded in time. Buildings on the north side of the ridge facing the public highway would have the protection of the existing plantation from south-west winds, but would be exposed to the north and east.

The question of sewage disposal has been partly investigated by the taking of a series of levels. These show that buildings could be erected on the high ground on both sides of the plantation, and the sewage all conveyed northwards instead of to the south as at present. The grounds are sufficiently extensive to provide for a Work Colony, as well as a sanatorium for early stages of the disease.

The consent of the Secretary for Scotland to the appropriation of the site and buildings for the purposes of a sanatorium would be required.

UPPER WARD DISTRICT.

Roadmeetings Hospital.

The district hospital at Roadmeetings, near Carluke, has a pavilion of wood with ten beds, which have not been much required for ordinary acute infections. A chalet was erected in 1906 with four beds, and these are always available. There is a considerable extent of ground unoccupied at this hospital suitable for a special Tuberculosis pavilion, and there is a mound planted with pine trees where walks could be provided.

MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT.

Middle Ward Hospital.

With the introduction of motor ambulances, and the development of an efficient tramway service throughout most of the populous places in the centre of the Middle Ward, the tendency is to specialise and centralise the hospital accommodation. Thus, the largest hospital near Motherwell can now serve the whole Middle Ward District for the isolation and treatment of all acute infectious diseases. This allows the outlying hospitals to be utilised for special purposes.

Extensions are now in course of being carried out at the hospital near Motherwell, which will include the diversion of the existing highway in front of the hospital some distance to the south, and acquiring the intervening considerable strip of grouud to be utilised as a lawn, thus enhancing the amenity of the hospital. On the north and west sides ground has been acquired to the extent of 11½ acres. This provides for increasing the capacity of the hospital to more than double its present extent, and the provision of cottages for the outdoor staff. The new boundary will be fenced with a suitable iron railing, and surrounded by a belt of trees and shrubs, but stone walls will be avoided as far as possible. On the west side an existing lane or right-of-way is being converted into a public highway.

This hospital has 100 beds at present, but in the near future it is proposed that the bed accommodation should be increased to 183 beds.

The buildings proposed to be erected at once are as follows :—

(1) A new entrance gate on the south side will take the place of the two existing ones. A gate lodge, waiting-room, and dispensary will be placed near this new gate.

(2) A large pavilion for diphtheria with operating room, and all modern conveniences and appliances for the treatment of diphtheria. The bed accommodation provides 2 ten-bed wards, 2 four-bed wards, and 3 single-bed wards—total, 31.

(3) A special isolation block with cubicles, whereby each patient can be completely separated, and thus patients suffering from two different infections will be specially provided for. 20 single beds.

(4) A Tuberculosis pavilion convenient to the dispensary of the most approved design. This comprises 8 two-bed wards, 2 eight-bed wards—total, 32.

(5) On the north boundary two double cottages for the outdoor staff (mechanics and assistant gardener). Each dwelling has four apartments and modern conveniences, including bath and w.c.

(6) A gate lodge is attached to one of these double cottages, and has similar accommodation. This house may be occupied by a chauffeur.

(7) A garage for three motor ambulances adjacent to the lodge.

(8) A mortuary with a room for a funeral service.

The additional bed accommodation thus provided is 83 beds, and it is not proposed to provide any extra accommodation for nurses or maids meantime. The new ward accommodation will not require much addition to the present staff, as the Medical Officer of Health will reduce the number of patients to be treated in the existing pavilions by about one-half. The staff for the Tuberculosis pavilions will probably be accommodated there. Should the existing staff accommodation not be sufficient, then the small pavilion presently used for diphtheria patients will be set aside for this purpose. A similar arrangement existed many years ago before the new nurses' home was built. So soon as further ward accommodation is required an addition to the nurses' home will be built.

The house presently occupied by the chief gardener attendant has more accommodation than he requires, and it is proposed to make this house suitable as a residence for the Physician-Superintendent.

Any patients admitted here during the last two years suffering from Tuberculosis were mostly of the glandular type, but with the ground recently acquired there will be no difficulty in providing accommodation for 32 phthisis patients within two months were that necessary.

Stonehouse Hospital.

This hospital has been set aside for the treatment of Tuberculosis since the latter part of the year 1905. It has two ward-pavilions. The larger pavilion has two wards of equal size, with a nominal capacity of 10 beds. With open windows, however, it has been able to accommodate as many as 20 consumptive patients, but many of these were children under 16 years of age. The smaller pavilion has four wards, with a nominal capacity as follows:—at either end two wards with two beds each, and in the centre two single-bed wards. One of these end wards has been utilised as a patients' dining hall. With consumptive patients the bed accommodation has been practically doubled, so that 8 patients have been accommodated in this smaller pavilion. In the front part of the grounds there are 1 chalet and 2 shelters. The chalet contains 4 beds, and each shelter 2 beds. These are all in use. With the existing accommodation 34 patients can be accommodated, and when the new dining hall has been built other 4 patients, making 38 in all. Indeed, with a few additional shelters 50 beds could at once be provided at this hospital, which has already been worked as a sanatorium on popular lines with considerable success. During 1911 the admissions were 104.

This hospital is well situated for the treatment of Tuberculosis, and additional buildings are being provided for that purpose. The grounds are not extensive, but additional ground could be acquired on the north-west side. Meanwhile the patients have the advantage of country walks in the vicinity, as the roads here are little frequented.

Longriggend Hospital.

This hospital has also been recently set aside for the treatment of consumptive patients. It is situated about 5 miles to the east of Airdrie, in New Monkland Parish, and is not so accessible as Stonehouse. The permanent structures are similar to those at Stonehouse, and the Committee have presently under consideration the arrangements which require to be made for staffing. The accommodation might be put down at 30 beds. During 1911 the admissions were 54.

This hospital has a bracing atmosphere, which would prove suitable for certain forms of the disease. A footpath is formed around the grounds.

Bellshill Hospital.

During an epidemic prevalence of scarlet fever this hospital has been partly occupied by such cases. This happened during the latter part of 1910 and 1911. Otherwise the accommodation has been available for consumptive patients. This hospital is so convenient to populous areas that most of the cases in the advanced stage of the disease have been treated here. The four old wards have a nominal capacity of 4 beds each, or 16 in all. The new pavilion consists of two wards, with a nominal capacity of 12 beds. The total accommodation, with open windows, for consumptive patients always available here in the absence of smallpox might be reckoned at 30. During 1911 the admissions were 99.

This hospital has been largely taken advantage of for the treatment of advanced cases of Tuberculosis, because of its convenience to the more populous centres. It is found, however, that patients prefer to go to some of the other hospitals where they do not meet with serious cases of the disease. Should an hospital acquire a reputation for treating only advanced cases, then no matter how ill the patients may be, they will, as a rule, prefer to go elsewhere. Meanwhile, the admission of advanced cases has been restricted to three wards, and the rest set apart for children.

Shotts Hospital.

A chalet was provided at this hospital two years ago, and is sometimes used for consumptive patients along with the large pavilion. It is difficult, however, to say that anything of a permanent nature is available here, although at present the whole of the large pavilion and the chalet are in occupation with consumptive patients. When the increased accommodation is available at Motherwell, and two motor ambulances, probably most of the acute cases in Shotts District will be removed to Motherwell. During 1911 only 10 consumptive patients were admitted.

The large pavilion and the châlet are in use here at present, but this accommodation is not permanently set aside for the treatment of Tuberculosis. The existing grounds afford a site for another wood pavilion if that were necessary, and the Committee are equipping the laundry with steam-driven machinery.

Dalserf Hospital.

This small hospital is being utilised at present as a home for children whose mothers are undergoing treatment for Tuberculosis. For example, at present there are three young children, one of them on the bottle. The mother is at Bellshill. The father is looking after the older members of the family, but he could find no one to take charge of the three at Dalserf.

To sum up, the total bed accommodation presently available for sanatorium purposes might be stated thus:—Stonehouse, 34; Longriggend, 26; in all, 60. Hospital purposes, 30 beds at Bellshill, making a total of 90.

MIDDLE AND LOWER WARD DISTRICTS.

Lightburn Joint-Hospital.

At this hospital one pavilion has been set aside specially for the treatment of consumptive patients, and has from 16 to 18 beds. There is also one shelter for two beds. This hospital has been largely utilised for the Lower Ward District, and during the last twelve months no consumptive patients from the Middle Ward District have been sent there. The bed accommodation here might therefore be reckoned as wholly available for the Lower Ward District, and might be stated at 20 beds.

One pavilion, No. 6, is specially set aside for the treatment of Tuberculosis patients from the Lower Ward District. No difficulty has been experienced in carrying on this work on the same site as the ordinary fever wards. The patients when out are kept quite by themselves, and as each ward pavilion is like a separate hospital for nursing purposes no cross infection has taken place.

The recent extension of the City of Glasgow has resulted in the Corporation of that city acquiring an interest in this hospital.

The accommodation presently available for the whole County is accordingly this:—

	Beds.
Upper Ward, ...	14
Middle Ward, ...	90
Lower Ward, ...	20
Total, ...	124

This accommodation, on the basis of the present population of the County (280,000), is in excess of that suggested in the Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis., *i.e.*, one bed per 5,000 of population.

In addition the institution at Hairmyres can be readily made available.

It is estimated that the cases of Tuberculosis for which provision would require to be made would be as follows:—

	Upper Ward.	Middle Ward.	Lower Ward.	Total.
Insured Persons, ...				
Non-insured Persons, ...				
Total, ...				

In formulating a scheme of completely correlated administrative action against Tuberculosis, it is of first importance to keep in view that the scheme must (for the reasons already stated) embrace practically all Tuberculous patients, except those whose means render them independent of any assistance from a public authority. Tuberculosis is now declared to be an infectious disease. It is a compulsorily notifiable disease, and the scheme consequently cannot be confined to persons insured under the National Insurance Act. It is evident that, by the action of the Legislature and the Central Authority, it is now incumbent on the Authorities concerned to formulate and administer a complete scheme and system, having for its object the prevention, treatment, and cure of Tuberculosis *in all persons* suffering from the disease. The prevention and cure of Tuberculosis are not possible unless all cases requiring aid and control are brought within the scheme; the powers for adequately dealing with the disease are now fully available, and it is at once evident that what is required is a comprehensive scheme which will secure that every individual affected with the disease shall in some form or another come within its scope.

It is equally evident that the task is a formidable one, and that active and intelligent co-operation must be secured to make the scheme a success.

One of the first questions which suggests itself is whether the scheme could with most advantage be formulated for the County itself or for the County and the Burghs situated within it, or some of them. This phase of the question will no doubt be carefully considered by the Committee with the data now put before them.

The present population of the County, excluding the Burghs, is over 280,000, and it is apparent that to combine in an effective way all the interests and agencies connected with a population of this size will be a very large undertaking.

The Public Health Authority must play a very large part in the campaign against Tuberculosis, as that Authority alone is vested with the exercise of the numerous powers under the Public Health Acts, and its officers alone possess the power of entry into insanitary dwellings and workshops.

As has been mentioned, the Insurance Committee will contribute towards the cost of "sanatorium benefit" out of their funds, the allowance for same being based on a sum of 1s. 3d. per insured person.

The number of insurable persons has been estimated at about 30 per cent. of a normally constituted population. On this basis the number of insured persons in Lanarkshire would probably amount to about 81,862 persons, situated as follows:—

Upper Ward, ...	12,960
Middle Ward, ...	60,600
Lower Ward, ...	8,302
Total, ...	81,862

This, at 1s. 3d. per head, would give an annual sum of £5,116 7s. 6d. for sanatorium benefit. An additional penny per annum for each insured person is to be provided by the Treasury, but it is expected that the whole of the sum thus provided—about £58,000 a year for the whole kingdom—will be devoted to investigation and research.

As the Committee are doubtless aware, the Chancellor of the Exchequer has now publicly intimated that the Government propose to place at the disposal of the Local Government Boards of the three kingdoms annually a sum of money which will represent approximately half the total estimated cost of treating non-insured persons as well as the dependants of insured persons. This is a most important factor in the situation.

Having regard to the preceding facts and to the recommendations contained in the Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis, the following general proposals and considerations are respectfully submitted as being requisite factors in a comprehensive scheme of administrative action against Tuberculosis in the County of Lanark:—

1. The scheme would provide for the treatment of all persons affected with Tuberculosis (by the term "Tuberculosis" is meant every form of the disease). The cost would be met as aftermentioned.
2. The Insurance Committee would pay to the County Authorities for the treatment of *all insured persons* recommended by them for "sanatorium benefit" such charges (including capital charges) as may be found to represent the cost of their treatment, whether in the various Hospitals or other Institutions of, or otherwise by, the Local Authorities.
3. In view of the promise of assistance from the Government, the County Authorities of themselves would undertake the treatment of the *dependants of insured persons and of all non-insured persons*, the cost of such treatment to be met one-half by the County Authorities out of the Public Health Rate and the other half out of the Imperial Funds, as advised by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.
4. There would be constituted (presuming the scheme was confined to the County) a Joint-Committee, consisting of Representatives of the County Council and of each of the District Committees, for the purpose of inaugurating, conducting, and carrying out

all the arrangements for providing the "sanatorium benefit" required by the Insurance Committees in the existing Hospitals and in other institutions that might be established by the County Authorities, and also (so far as the powers can be competently delegated by the District Committees) for providing hospital and all other necessary treatment for persons other than insured persons. In connection with, and as relative to the responsibility of the District Committees for the treatment of Tuberculosis, many statutory powers and duties are imposed upon them by the Public Health Acts which cannot be competently delegated to such a joint-committee as is suggested, but, on the other hand, there would not seem to be any real difficulty in the District Committees delegating to some of their number the duties connected with the admission to hospital or other institutions and the regulation as regards treatment, &c., of cases of Tuberculosis requiring to be dealt with by the District Committees. In fact, the great advantages to be derived from concentrated action and management which may be secured by having one Committee to deal with the one disease outweigh any other considerations. Although the classes of persons affected by the disease are chargeable to different authorities, and provision is made for them under different statutory enactments, it will at once be recognised that co-operation and concentration are really the only methods which can effectually carry out the object aimed at, namely, the recognition and supervision of every case of Tuberculosis and at every stage, having in view, as far as that is possible, the ultimate extinction of the disease. The Public Health Department of the County of Lanark, being common to all the Authorities concerned with, and responsible for the provision of hospitals and sanatoria and the treatment of persons suffering from Tuberculosis (namely, the County Council and the three District Committees), makes easy, to a great extent, the working out of the complete scheme on the lines indicated, in conjunction with a joint-committee representative of these authorities.

The cost of any extra provision required (buildings, officials, &c.) would—by arrangement with the Insurance Committee that the patients chargeable to them would be, and would continue to be sent to the County Authorities' institutions—be met, so far as grants were not received from the Local Government Board, by the County Authorities out of the County Assessments. If such further provision were by way of new, or additions to existing, Hospitals, the cost would fall on the Public Health assessments, while if a "Sanatorium" were erected the cost thereof would fall on the General Purposes assessment leviable on the County, including the Burghs under 20,000 population (*i.e.*, Lanark and Biggar.) The cost of treating (that is the Maintenance Rate) all Tuberculosis patients would be ascertained annually, and the total amount would then be allocated for payment respectively to the Insurance Committee and each of the District Committees according to the number of patients sent in by each during the year.

In short, the suggestion now put forward would meet a situation that seems to call for a well-directed and comprehensive method of dealing with a disease that has many aspects. It proposes to carry a step further the activities of the Public Health Authorities under their existing powers, and merely to add to their duties work that can scarcely be distinguished in theory and hardly at all in practice therefrom. Such a concentration, in addition to making for efficiency and economy, would, it is believed, largely assist the Insurance Committee in dealing with one of the most important and difficult of their many duties. The view here expressed has been voiced by several well-known persons engaged in Public Health work, and the following extract from a recent letter addressed by Professor Sir William Osler to the *Times* is expressive of the suggestion:—"May I make an appeal to link, "when possible, the tuberculosis work with the existing hospitals "and dispensaries? The scheme—the suggestions laid down by "the Astor Committee—is a general one over-reaching the pro- "visions of the special clauses of the Insurance Act. Why "dissociate this work from our general hospitals? Why ask "them to cut off one-tenth of their patients? It will be an easy "matter to arrange for the payment of insured persons, and it "should not be difficult to attach the tuberculosis officers to the "staff of the hospital."

It should be mentioned that while an alternative scheme of joint action in the County might have been suggested through the co-operation of the District Committees alone, the County Council, as such, are the Authority to whom Exchequer contributions to the cost of sanatoria would fall to be made, and it is desirable, therefore, that the whole scheme should be treated as one, and wrought in co-operation among all the Authorities concerned.

5. The Insurance Committee would be in close communication with the Public Health Department, which department, in view of there now being compulsory notification of the disease in operation, will be in a position to advise as to the cases requiring "sanatorium benefit," and the form of treatment requisite.

It is conceivable that once the scheme is in full working order (that is to say, when any grants to be given for sanatoria have been obtained and any new buildings that may be agreed upon have been erected, and the working arrangements fairly set in operation) the Joint Committee here suggested might devolve their duties to Sub-Committees of Management in much the same way as the District Committees at the present time devolve the management of their Hospitals to Sub-Committees.

With respect to the interests of the Insurance Committee, facilities should be granted for representatives of that Committee visiting the various institutions from time to time, so as to satisfy themselves as to the suitability and adequacy of the arrangements made for the

treatment of insured persons. It is also recommended that the arrangement proposed to be made for the treatment of such persons through the agency of the County Authorities should be embodied in a formal agreement, under which the Insurance Committee's interests would be safeguarded as regards the terms to be charged, and the conditions which should apply to the arrangement, and which would provide for a Reference to the Local Government Board to have determined by them any question of difference or dissatisfaction which might arise in the working out of the arrangement.

6. It is expected, in view of the steps which have been and will be taken to make fully known to medical practitioners and the public that Pulmonary Tuberculosis is now a compulsorily notifiable disease, that the Public Health Department will be notified of most of the persons affected, but even if this were assured, there would still remain many cases of persons who are predisposed to the disease. The staff of the Public Health Department should be able to assist in notifying such cases, but it is suggested that an important part could be taken here in connection with the medical inspection of school children. Probably the greatest prospect of success in eradicating the disease lies in the formulation of a sound and adequate system for dealing with children that may have pre-tubercular tendencies, and it is suggested that there should be a complete system of notification of such cases—or suspected cases—by the medical inspectors of schools to the Public Health Department. The school medical inspectors are agents who are likely to be most beneficial in this part of the scheme, for information comes to their hands through the children which cannot be got otherwise or elsewhere.

7. The question of the establishment of a Dispensary or Dispensaries depends so much on local circumstances and existing organisation that its final form can well be left over for more mature consideration. A Dispensary is, after all, more an organism than a building.

Different opinions having been expressed by the officials who sign the Report as to the expediency of the administration of the duties of the District Committees under the Public Health Act and those of the County Council under the National Insurance Act being combined in one Joint Committee, the reporters find it necessary to set forth the alternative to this proposal.

Shortly put it would be—

1. That the several District Committees each in their own area continue, and where necessary extend, their activities in dealing with Tuberculosis under the powers conferred on them by the Public Health Act and relative Orders of the Local Government Board.

2. That *quoad* the accommodation which they could provide in their respective hospitals for patients suffering from tuberculosis, they should make arrangements with the Insurance Committee.

3. That the grants from Exchequer in respect of the treatment of tuberculous patients would be paid to each District Committee direct.

4. That should it be found desirable to provide additional accommodation for tuberculous patients beyond what the District Committees, as Public Health Authorities, have or can see their way to provide, this should be done by the establishment of a sanatorium strictly so called, by the County Council, who, acting as an independent authority under the National Insurance Act, would be entitled to a share of the grant from Exchequer. The management of such an institution would be in the hands of the County Council, who would make their arrangements directly with the Insurance Committee in respect of the patients treated in the Sanatorium. They could also, it is believed, agree with the several District Committees to receive in the Sanatorium, on terms to be arranged, patients for whom the Insurance Committee are not liable and dependants of insured persons.

On the assumption that these general views and considerations are approved by the Committee, and having regard to the experience which has been had in the three Districts of the County in dealing with tuberculosis since the year 1905, it is recommended, generally speaking, that the arrangements at present in operation should be extended and amplified as follows, so as to bring them into line with the the statutory and other requirements now prevailing:—

UPPER WARD DISTRICT.

It is expected that, in the meantime, the existing provision at the District Hospital, at Roadmeetings, will be sufficient to accommodate patients from the Upper Ward District, and if additional accommodation is required this can be arranged for by the erection of a special Tuberculosis Pavilion in the grounds of the Hospital. At Douglas Sanatorium, which is privately owned, some accommodation might be obtained. It would not appear that there is any immediate urgency for providing a Tuberculosis Dispensary for the Upper Ward District, but if such provision is shown to be necessary after some further experience, there should not be any difficulty in arranging for it.

MIDDLE WARD DISTRICT.

It is recommended that patients from the Middle Ward District should be accommodated in the following Hospitals:—(1) Stonehouse, (2) Longriggend, (3) Shotts, (4) Bellshill, and (5) Dalserf, where the existing arrangements for the treatment of Tuberculosis are on approved methods: that a Tuberculosis Dispensary should be established at the Middle Ward Hospital near Motherwell, and also an Observation Pavilion, as already explained.

Stonehouse Hospital has, owing to its elevated situation, been largely taken advantage of for the earlier and less serious cases, and treats both males and females of all ages, but an effort will be made to exclude children under fourteen years of age. At Longriggend the same remarks apply. Bothwell Hospital, Bellshill, has been largely utilised for serious or more advanced cases, but an effort will be made to set aside the old wards for juveniles. Here the arrangements are such that one ward could be set aside as a school or recreation room. These three hospitals treat patients from all parts of the Middle Ward area and from outside Authorities. Shotts Hospital is used mainly for local cases.

Dalserf Hospital is presently used as a Children's Home, as many mothers cannot submit to the institutional treatment unless suitable provision is made for the younger members of the family.

Dispensary.—Experience in working a dispensary for County Districts will first be obtained at Blantyre Hospital, which has recently been prepared for the purpose. Patients can be kept there for a week or so for examination and observation before deciding on the best form of treatment each case requires.

It is proposed, however, to extend this part of the scheme gradually so that full regard may be had to the 'completion' throughout the County 'of the existing public health administration in respect of tuberculosis,' and so to realise as experience may show to be necessary and desirable, the active operation of the two units laid down in the Interim Report of the Departmental Committee on Tuberculosis—"two units related to the general public health and medical work carried on by the Medical Officers of Health . . . . and working in harmony with the general practitioner."

LOWER WARD DISTRICT.

It is not anticipated that the Middle Ward District Committee will make much use of Lightburn Joint-Hospital, and if that is so the present accommodation for Tuberculosis in the Lower Ward might meantime prove sufficient. As most of the population is now situated in Cadder Parish, a small hospital in the vicinity of Chryston may be desirable. This suggestion will be reported on in due course and due regard will be had, as already explained, to the establishment of a dispensary if the working arrangements show this to be necessary.

In addition to the above-mentioned provision, it is recommended that the Hairmyres Institution should be acquired for the purposes of the scheme, and that it should be converted into a Sanatorium and Farm Colony, where persons whose cure is progressing could continue the treatment under conditions which might fit them eventually to resume their ordinary vocations.

STAFFING—INCLUDING CONSULTANT ON TUBERCULOSIS.

The Medical Officers of Health should continue discharging their duties, which include the administrative control and prevention of tuberculosis, as an Infectious Disease under the Public Health Act. The services of an outside consultant could be obtained in any cases presenting difficulty as to diagnosis and treatment. For such services an annual retaining fee with a special fee for each consultation could be arranged. The addition of one or two nurses to the Health Visitors' Staff will be desirable. For the purposes of dispensary work, it is suggested, in the Report of the Departmental Committee, that the following staff would generally be required:—medical, nursing, secretarial, dispensing. As regards the dispensary proposed to be provided at Middle Ward Hospital, near Motherwell (which will be the chief dispensary to start with), it is difficult at present to say how and to what extent this will be taken advantage of. At the outset the dispensary would be under the charge of the County Medical Staff, who are at present in intimate touch with all cases of tuberculosis in the County, whether at home or in an institution. Certain days and hours at the dispensary would be set aside for consultation with patients, and the whole work would be carried out in such a way as would secure the co-operation of the general medical practitioners. It is suggested, therefore, that the question of permanent staffing should, in the meantime, be delayed.

DOMICILIARY TREATMENT.

This would be carried out in such a manner as will receive the approval of the Local Government Board. An Order has been issued by the Local Government Board for England giving certain conditions to be observed, but in the Interim Report by the Departmental Committee dealing with Tuberculosis it is stated on page 24 "The above powers enable the Local Government Board for Scotland to "require local authorities to provide out of the rates for practically every variety of "treatment included under the term 'Sanatorium Benefit.'"

If Sanatorium Benefit can be provided by the County Public Health Authorities to the satisfaction of the Insurance Authorities, and with efficiency and economy to the ratepayers, the tendency to overlapping and duplication of official and other services would be avoided. The arrangements presently made with the County Insurance Committee are of a provisional nature, but might quite well form the basis of a permanent arrangement, and, therefore, may be here referred to:—

In connection with the Compulsory Notification of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, the Medical Officer of Health ascertains in the enquiries made by the Sanitary Officer whether the patient is an insured person. The Clerk to the Insurance Committee has supplied forms of application to be signed by the insured person so suffering, and this is at once forwarded to the Clerk, who makes enquiries and obtains such evidence as will satisfy his committee that the person has a claim to Sanatorium Benefit

The Medical Officer of Health, as Medical Adviser to the Sanatorium Benefit Sub-Committee, reports upon the case as to the form of treatment that is necessary, giving his report on a form prepared for the purpose. Should the form of treatment recommended be admission to a Sanatorium or Hospital, the Clerk with the approval of the Chairman of the Sanatorium Benefit Sub-Committee authorises this to be done at the expense of the Insurance Authorities. Should the case be recommended for domiciliary treatment, the Clerk arranges for this locally.

The Medical Officer of Health reports the date of admission of the case to an institution, and will, within a month of admission, obtain and send to the Clerk to the Insurance Committee a report with regard to the progress of the case. No case will be dismissed from an institution without intimation being made to the Clerk.

With regard to the services presently rendered by the medical staff of the Public Health Department no allowance is suggested meantime.

The amount of work that has already been done is as follows:—

Upper Ward District.

Three cases reported, one of which is undergoing institutional treatment at the District Hospital, near Carluke.

Middle Ward District.

Thirty-two cases reported, 13 of which are receiving institutional treatment at Stonehouse Hospital, 2 at Shotts, 4 at Longriggend, and 1 at Bellshill Hospital. One is receiving domiciliary treatment.

LOWER WARD DISTRICT.

Six cases reported, of which 2 are receiving institutional treatment at Lightburn Hospital.

From what has been said, therefore, the only immediate development that seems to be necessary would be the provision and equipment at Hairmyres of a Sanatorium for selected cases. Admissions would, as at present, mostly take place at the existing institutions, where, after one month, two months, or three months' treatment, as the case required, it would be possible to say whether the prospects of complete recovery were such that the patients should be admitted to Hairmyres for a further period of three or six months, with the view of making them fit to return to work. For the establishment of such an institution, Hairmyres is well adapted, and a beginning might be made with accommodation for, say, 50 patients. The laying out of the grounds and buildings necessary would be somewhat as follows:—

A new entrance would be formed to the grounds nearly opposite Hairmyres Station. The administrative block with kitchen and dining hall for patients would be placed near the centre of the ground to the north of the wood. To the west of this a laundry would be built. A range of one storey buildings for 24 female patients, and a similar range for male patients, would be placed on the south of the wood, with a wide and permanent division between the ground and buildings separating the sexes. The existing entrance and buildings would be used for staff purposes, and to the north of this would be placed accommodation for the Medical Superintendent. The patients' accommodation would be built of wood. Arrangements would be made throughout the grounds for patients engaging in suitable occupations. The existing market garden could be developed, and most of the fields could be taken over and worked under the direction of the staff. It is recommended in the Departmental Report that the cost of Sanatorium should not exceed £150 per bed, including the cost of land, making of roads, &c. This, however, should be taken merely as a suggestion for economy, because, having regard to the outlays already incurred at Hairmyres, the cost would be likely to exceed that.

Under the arrangements at present in operation, an effort is made to distribute the cases throughout the various institutions according to sex and age, as well as the stage and nature of the disease, but it has been found in practice to be neither practicable nor desirable to stereotype the institutions or the cases in this manner. The general arrangements have already been outlined, and it is confidently anticipated that the means available throughout the County will, at the outset, be found to be adequate to meet the demands that may be made upon them. If, however, when the new conditions and requirements are more fully understood and appreciated, extensions and additions of the scheme are found to be necessary, there will be no great difficulty, with the basis that has been laid, in having these carried into effect.

October, 1912.

SUB-COMMITTEE OF JOINT-COMMITTEE ON PROVISION OF SANATORIA.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Buildings, there, upon Wednesday, 16th April, 1913, being a meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Joint-Committee appointed by the County Council and the several District Committees in regard to the provision of Sanatoria for the Treatment of Tuberculosis. 16th April, 1913.

Present—

James H. Fenton.	William Neilson.
Robert Lambie.	Colonel King Stewart.

Attending—

A. W. Paterson, District Clerk, Lanark.
Geo. Cruickshank, as representing W. E. Whyte, District Clerk, Hamilton.
James A. M'Callum, Clerk to the Lower Ward District Committee.
W. M. Marshall, Clerk to the Lanark County Insurance Committee.

Mr. Lambie in the chair. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk submitted a copy of the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting*

The minutes of the last meeting of the sub-committee, of date 19th March, were submitted to the meeting in draft and approved of. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting a letter which he had received from the Town-Clerk of Hamilton, of date 9th current, which was in the following terms, viz. :— *Sanatorium Treatment.—Letter from Town-Clerk, Hamilton.*

"The Town House,
"Hamilton, 9th April, 1913.

"Dear Sir,

"Sanatorium Treatment.

"Referring to your letter of 15th August last, I was directed at a recent meeting of the four Burghal Local Authorities (viz., Hamilton, Motherwell, Wishaw, and Rutherglen) who are joining in the erection of the proposed sanatorium to enquire if the County Council had now come to a definite decision in regard to the treatment of phthisis patients. It was thought at the meeting that the time had now arrived when your Council should give some definite decision on the subject, whether they, or the District Committees, could join for any part of the County District, as the burghs were about to proceed with the preparation of plans and the acquisition of ground, and it would alter their scheme if the County Council or the District Committees were joining at any later date. I hope to hear from you with an early reply.

"Yours faithfully,

"(Sgd.) P. M. KIRKPATRICK,
"*Town-Clerk.*"

The meeting instructed the Clerk to say that the County Council were not yet in a position to come to a definite decision in the matter. *Council not in a position to reply definitely.*

The Clerk submitted a letter from Mr. W. M. Marshall, Clerk to the County of Lanark Insurance Committee, which was in the following terms, viz :— *Communication from Clerk to County of Lanark Insurance Committee.*

"3 Merry Street,
"Motherwell,
"3rd April, 1913.

"Dear Sir,

"At a meeting of the Sanatorium Benefit Committee held yesterday in Glasgow it was unanimously agreed under the powers contained in Section 17 of the National Insurance Act that Sanatorium Benefit should be extended to the dependants

of insured persons resident within the County. I was instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost in order that, in terms of the Act, the same might be submitted to the Treasury and to your Council. Before doing so, however, I was instructed by my committee to communicate the foregoing resolution to you and to suggest that a joint-meeting should be held of the Sanatorium Benefit Committee and the appropriate Committee of your Council.

"Yours, &c.,

"(Signed) W. M. MARSHALL,

"*Clerk.*"

The Clerk stated that he proposed to submit the above letter to the next meeting of the Committee of the County Council on the Insurance Act who no doubt would arrange for a meeting with the Lanarkshire Insurance Committee.

Circular letter from Local Government Board.

The Clerk submitted and read to the meeting a circular letter from the Local Government Board, of date 10th April, in regard to (1) Building grant for Sanatoria, &c., and (2) Cost of treatment of cases of tuberculosis.

Clerk instructed to prepare a Memorandum on subject.

The meeting, after having further fully discussed the whole question, instructed the Clerk to prepare a short Memorandum setting forth the main points falling to be dealt with and to submit the same to the next meeting of the sub-committee.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AGAINST ASSESSMENTS, &c.

At LANARK, and within the County Hall, there, upon Monday, the 17th day of March, 1913, being a Meeting of the Committee for hearing and disposing of Appeals and applications for relief on the ground of poverty from payment of the Consolidated Rates levied within the Upper Ward District of the County for the year from 15th May, 1912, to 15th May, 1913. — 17th March, 1913.

Present— — **Upper Ward.**

James H. Fenton.
Nathaniel D. I. O. Gold.
Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart, Bart.
Colonel Logan.
Rev. Christopher M'Kune.
Andrew Murdoch.
Alexander Pillans.

(Mr. James H. Fenton presiding.) — *Chairman.*

The Clerk read the notice calling the meeting, and laid upon the table the remit from the County Council. — *Notice. Remit.*

The meeting proceeded to consider the appeals, and, having considered the statements of the appellants and information submitted by the Parish Councils, disposed of the several cases as set forth in the list thereof, signed as relative hereto. — *Appeals.*

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AGAINST ASSESSMENTS, &c.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Council Rooms, there, upon Wednesday, the 19th day of March, 1913, being a Meeting of the Committee for hearing and disposing of Appeals and applications for relief on the ground of poverty from payment of the Consolidated Rates levied within the Airdrie District of the County for the year from 15th May, 1912, to 15th May, 1913. — 19th March, 1913.

Present— — **Middle Ward** *(Airdrie District.)*

Colonel A. L. H. Buchanan.
John Loudon.
Thomas Watt.

(Colonel Buchanan presiding.) — *Chairman.*

The Clerk read the notice calling the meeting, and laid upon the table the remit from the County Council. — *Notice. Remit*

The meeting proceeded to consider the appeals, and, having considered the statements of the appellants and information submitted by the Parish Councils, disposed of the several cases as set forth in the list thereof signed as relative hereto. — *Appeals.*

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AGAINST ASSESSMENTS, &c.

19th March, 1913.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Council Rooms, there, upon Wednesday, the 19th day of March, 1913 being a Meeting of the Committee for hearing and disposing of Appeals and applications for relief on the ground of poverty from payment of the Consolidated Rates levied within the Hamilton District of the County for the year from 15th May, 1912, to 15th May, 1913.

Middle Ward.
(*Hamilton District.*)

Present—

THOMAS ARNOT.
ALEXANDER HAMILTON.
JOHN JACKSON.
WILLIAM NEILSON.
WILLIAM SYM.
WILLIAM TEMPLETON.

Chairman.

Mr. Alexander Hamilton presiding.

Notice.
Remit.

The Clerk read the notice calling the meeting, and laid upon the table the remit from the County Council.

Appeals.

The meeting proceeded to consider the appeals, and, having considered the statements of the appellants and information submitted by the Parish Councils, disposed of the several cases as set forth in the list thereof, signed as relative hereto

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COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AGAINST ASSESSMENTS, &c.

19th March, 1913.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Council Rooms, there, upon Wednesday, the 19th day of March, 1913, being a Meeting of the Committee for hearing and disposing of Appeals and applications for relief on the ground of poverty from payment of the Consolidated Rates levied within the Lower Ward District of the County for the year from 15th May, 1912, to 15th May, 1913.

Lower Ward.

Present—

JOHN ADAM.
J. RAESIDE AULD.
WALTER C. B. CHRISTIE.
WILLIAM DAVIE.

Chairman.

(MR. CHRISTIE, presiding.)

Notice.
remit.

The Clerk read the notice calling the meeting, and laid upon the table the remit from the County Council.

Appeals.

The meeting proceeded to consider the appeals, and, having considered the statements of the appellants and information submitted by the Parish Councils, decided the several cases as set forth in the list thereof, signed as relative hereto.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At AIRDRIE, and within the Office of Mr. J. Dunn Russell, J.P. Clerk-Depute, there, the 20th day of December, 1912, at a meeting of the Explosives Committee of the County Council of Lanarkshire, appointed for the Airdrie District of the Middle Ward of said County. 20th December, 1912.

Explosives Committee.
(Airdrie District.)

Present—

W. W. Chapman, Esq. | Thomas Watt, Esq.

Attending—

Mr. J. Dunn Russell, as Clerk to the Committee.

Mr. David Pennie, Superintendent of Police, as Inspector of Explosives for said District.

Mr. W. W. Chapman presiding. *Chairman.*

The Clerk read the circular calling the meeting. *Circular calling meeting.*

The minutes of last meeting were read over and approved of. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk laid before the meeting applications for new store licenses, which had been lodged with him by the following parties, viz. :— *Applications for new store licenses.*

(1) The Gartness Coal Company, Ltd., and Robert Denholm, Secretary, Coalmasters, Gartness, to keep mixed explosives in premises at Gartness Colliery, Clarkston, Airdrie, under Division A.

(2) Robert Addie & Sons' Collieries, Ltd., Coalmasters, Rosehall Colliery, to keep mixed explosives in premises at No. 12 Pit, near Old Monkland Church, under Division B.

(3) Robert Addie & Sons' Collieries, Ltd., Coalmasters, Rosehall Colliery, to keep mixed explosives in premises at No. 7 Pit, near Bellshill, under Division B.

The meeting having considered said applications, together with the Inspector's reports engrossed thereon respectively, agreed to grant the same, and authorised Mr. Russell, as Clerk to the Local Authority, to sign and issue the necessary certificates, the same to expire on 30th March, 1913.

(Signed) W. W. Chapman.

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Council Rooms, County Buildings, there, the 2nd day of April, 1913, at a meeting of the Explosives Committee of the County Council of Lanarkshire, appointed for the Airdrie District of the Middle Ward of said County.

2nd April, 1913.

Explosives Committee.
(Airdrie District.)

Present—

JOHN LOUDEN, Esq. | JAMES PRENTICE, Esq.
ROBERT SHARP, Esq.

Attending—

Mr. J. DUNN RUSSELL, as Clerk to the Committee.

Mr. DAVID PENNIE, Superintendent of Police, as Inspector of Explosives for said District.

Mr. Robert Sharp presiding. *Chairman.*

The minutes of last meeting of committee were read over and approved of. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk reported that, as formerly, he had given notice to all the store license holders, and that these had applied for renewal, with the exception of the following parties:— *Notice to license holders.*

(1) John Baird & Sons, Rosemount, Glenboig, for gunpowder, under Division C, at Greenfoot.

(2) Walter Gibb, Tannochside, Uddingston, for mixed explosives, under Division B, at Tannochside.

(3) The Glasgow Coal Company, Ltd., and James Paterson, Colliery Manager, for mixed explosives, under Division B, at Burntbroom Colliery, Mount Vernon.

(4) The Glasgow Coal Company, Ltd., and James Paterson, Colliery Manager, for mixed explosives, under Division A, at Daldowie Colliery, Broomhouse.

(5) James Jamieson, Airdriehill Quarry, for gunpowder, under Division A, at Airdriehill, Whiterigg.

(6) David Smith, Polmont, for mixed explosives, under Division D, at Woodhall Colliery, Calderbank.

(7) Waverley Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., Coatbridge, for mixed explosives, under Division A, at Gartness Colliery, Clarkston.

In connection with the foregoing list, the Clerk reported (1) that as regards No. 1 a new license had, during the past year, been taken out for mixed explosives; (2) that as regards Nos. 2, 3, and 4 new applications were made on account of change of Colliery Managers; (3) that as regards No. 5 the applicant had applied for a registration of premises in lieu of a store license; (4) that as regards No. 6 a new application was made on account of applicant having lost the certificate form; and (5) that as regards No. 7 this license had, during the past year, been transferred to the Gartness Coal Co., Ltd.

Notices of registrations received.

The Clerk also reported that he had received notice for registration of premises, in terms of the Statute, from all the parties presently named on the register and due to renew their registrations, excepting the following parties, viz. :—

(1) Mrs. Jeanie Brown, 8 Calder Road, Mossend.
(2) Thomas Clarkston, 1 Annathill, Bedley, by Glenboig.
(3) David Crosbie, merchant, Commonside, Airdrie.
(4) Darngavil Coal Co., Ltd., 124 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow (No. 4 Pit, Greyrigg).
(5) Walter Gibb, Tannochside, Uddingston (2).
(6) William Jack, Redcraig, Grahamshill Street, Airdrie.
(7) William Jamieson, miner, Longriggend.
(8) Robert Kerr, 122 Main Street, Baillieston.
(9) Mrs. Marrs, greengrocer, Longriggend.
(10) John Marshall, Kildonan, Airdrie.
(11) Eben More & Co., 75 St. George's Place, Glasgow (Roughcraig Quarry).
(12) Robert Nisbet, Lauchope Street, Chapelhall.
(13) James Prentice, Carolside, Uddingston (Tannochside).
(14) James Prentice, Carolside, Uddingston (Aitkenhead).
(15) Alexander Pollock, 166 Bank Street, Coatbridge.
(16) Alexander G. Scobbie, grocer, Cuilhill, Bargeddie.
(17) James Toye, 76 Causewayside Street, Tollcross.
(18) The West Benhar Co-operative Society, Ltd., 2 Main Street, Harthill (5).
(19) William Wilkie, 3 Baird's Row, Cuilhill, Bargeddie.

Inspector's report read.

The Clerk read to the meeting Superintendent Pennie's report with regard to the whole licenses and registrations in the district, which report was ordered to be engrossed at the end of this minute.

Store licenses renewed.

The meeting having considered the applications lodged with the Clerk for renewal of store licenses, as before-mentioned, agreed to renew the same as from 30th March, 1913.

Registered premises.

The meeting having also considered the notices lodged with the Clerk for registration of premises, instructed the Clerk to register said premises in terms of the Statute.

Notice to parties who have not renewed store licenses or registrations.

With reference to the parties who had not renewed their store licenses or their registrations, as before-mentioned, the Clerk was instructed to intimate to said parties that unless said licenses and registrations were immediately renewed, they would be subject to prosecution if they continued to keep explosives in their premises.

New applications for store licenses.

The Clerk laid before the meeting applications for new store licenses received from the following parties :—

(1) The Glasgow Coal Company, Ltd., 142 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, and Thomas Allardice, colliery manager, for store for mixed explosives, under Division B, at Burntbroom, Mount Vernon.

(2) The Glasgow Coal Company, Ltd., 142 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, and Thomas Allardice, colliery manager, for store for mixed explosives, under Division A, at Daldowie Colliery, Broomhouse.

(3) Robert M'Kay, colliery manager, Tannochside Colliery, Uddingston, for store for mixed explosives, under Division B, at Tannochside Colliery.

(4) David Smith, explosive agent, Ashbank, Polmont, for store for mixed explosives, under Division D, at Woodhall Colliery, Calderbank.

Same granted.

The meeting having considered said applications, together with the Inspector's reports engrossed on the same respectively, agreed to grant the same, and authorised Mr. Russell, as Clerk to the Local Authority, to sign the whole certificates or store licenses granted or renewed for the current year, all to date from 30th March, 1913.

The meeting recommended to the County Council that the salary of the Clerk for the year from 1st January last should be at the same rate as at present.

The meeting agreed to recommend to the County Council to increase the salary of the Inspector for the district, Mr. Pennie, by £5 per annum as from 1st January, 1912, so as to make his salary uniform with the Inspectors' salaries in the other districts in the County. *Salaries to officials.*

(Sgd.) ROBERT SHARP.

"Lanarkshire Constabulary Office,
"Airdrie, 27th March, 1913.

"To the Explosives Committee of the
"County Council of Lanarkshire,
"Airdrie District.

"Gentlemen.

"I have the honour to report for your information, that for the year ending 31st March, 1913, you licensed for this district of the County, 66 stores for keeping explosives, enumerated as follows:—

Division A.		
Mixed explosives, ...	20	
Gunpowder, ...	3	
		23
Division B.		
Mixed explosives, ...	18	
Gunpowder, ...	—	
		18
Division C.		
Mixed explosives, ...	13	
Gunpowder, ...	2	
		15
Division D.		
Mixed explosives, ...	10	
Gunpowder, ...	—	10
Total, ...	—	66

being an increase on last year of 3.

"Your Clerk granted certificates for premises registered for keeping explosives as follows:—

Mixed explosives, ...	75	
Gunpowder, ...	8	
		83

being an increase on last year of 9.

"In terms of Order in Council (No. 12), I granted 2 certificates under Form C to persons keeping mixed explosives for private use and not for sale. This is a decrease of 4 on the previous year.

"During the year I have periodically visited and inspected all the stores and premises registered within the district, and found them all in a satisfactory condition, and complying with the requirements of the Statute.

"There were, however, several of the stores in need of repairs, and on the defects being pointed out by me, these were at once put in order. One store license had to be withdrawn on account of the Glasgow Coal Company, Ltd., laying a hutch railway at Broomhouse Colliery within 12 yards from the store, thus disqualifying it under Order in Council (No. 6), and they accepted registration instead.

"The Explosives in Coal Mines Order of 21st May, 1912, came into force on 1st July, 1912. The conditions set forth in paragraph 1 thereof, make it compulsory for mine owners to provide suitable places above ground and conveniently near the entrance of the mine for the storage of surplus explosives brought out of the mine at the end of each shift. Subsequent to the order coming into force there were 57 stores and 72 registered premises, and to meet the requirements of this order, 9 new stores and 11 new registered premises have been erected at collieries throughout the district, which now bring most of the colliery owners into compliance with the order.

"I respectfully ask the committee to take into consideration that the Coal Mines Regulation Order has entailed a good deal of extra work, and, owing to this, the Inspectors in the Hamilton and Wishaw Divisions have each received an increase to their salaries of £5, their increases taking effect as from 1st January, 1912; therefore, I respectfully ask you to grant me a like increase in my salary.

"During the year the following persons were convicted for keeping explosives within their dwelling-houses without certificates, viz.:—

Pole Japka, Polish miner, Main Street, Bellshill,
Joseph Wallace, miner, Muirpark Rows, Fallside,
James Graham, miner, Main Street, Bellshill,

were fined 2s. each before the Sheriff Court, Airdrie, on 3rd May, 22nd August, 1912, and 28th January, 1913, respectively.

"I am,

"GENTLEMEN,

"Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) "DAVID PENNIE,
"*Superintendent.*"

"I beg to recommend that Superintendent Pennie's application for an increase of £5 to his allowance be favourably considered.

(Countersigned) "H. J. DESPARD, CAPTAIN,
"*Chief Constable.*"

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

OF THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF LANARK.

At GLASGOW, and within the County Council Chambers, there, upon Friday, 31st January, 1913 years, at 2.20 p.m., being a Meeting of the Committee on Explosives of the County Council of Lanark appointed for the Hamilton District of the Middle Ward of said County. 31st January, 1913.

Explosives Committee.

Present—

THOMAS ARNOT, Esq.
W. L. DYER, Esq.
ALEX. HAMILTON, Esq.
JOHN JACKSON, Esq.
ALEX. R. MITCHELL, Esq.
JAMES STEEL, Sen., Esq.
JOHN TODD, Esq.

Mr. Arnot was unanimously reappointed chairman of the committee for the ensuing year, with the same powers as formerly. *Chairman.*

The sederunt having been taken, the Clerk read the notice calling the meeting. *Notice calling meeting.*

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 25th October, 1912, were submitted, approved, and signed by the chairman. *Minutes of last meeting.*

The Clerk read his report, which was in the following terms :— *Clerk's report.*

" Office of the Clerk of the Peace,
" Hamilton, 31st January, 1913.

" GENTLEMEN,

" With reference to the recommendation made at your meeting on 25th October last that the salaries of Superintendents Anderson and Moir, Inspectors under the Explosives Act, be increased from £15 to £20 per annum, the increase to take effect as from 1st January, 1912, I am to-day submitting to you two letters from the County Clerk, of dates 7th November and 17th December respectively, from which it will be observed that the Finance Committee of the County Council resolved to recommend approval of the increases, and that the County Council had, on 11th December, unanimously approved of the Finance Committee's recommendation.

" I beg to report that 102 store licenses have been renewed for the year from 31st ultimo, and that, in addition to 4 new licenses issued on the instructions of the chairman in lieu of licenses which the holders had failed timeously to renew, the following 9 applications for new licenses for stores (which had been examined and approved by the Inspectors) have been granted and licenses issued to the applicants, also on the instructions of the chairman, namely :—

John Watson, Limited, coalmasters, per George Black, colliery manager, 19 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, for Motherwell Collieries (Parish of Dalziel), Division C.

Wm. Chambers, secretary, Bentrigg Colliery, Netherburn, for Netherburn (Bentrigg Colliery) (Parish of Dalserf), Division B.

Darngavil Coal Company, Limited, coalmasters, and James Macaulay, secretary, 124 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, for No. 2 Pit, Swinhill Colliery (Parish of Dalserf), Division C.

Robert Addie & Sons' Collieries, Limited, and James Kirkpatrick, manager, 127 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, for Viewpark Estate (Parish of Bothwell), Division C.

William Gray, storeman, Gilbertfield Colliery, Cambuslang, for Gilbertfield Colliery (Parish of Cambuslang), Division C.

Peter Thornton, coalmaster, Crofthead Collieries, Fauldhouse, for Starryshaw (Parish of Shotts), Division B.

Wishaw Coal Company, Limited, and George Beveridge, secretary, 41 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, for Broomside Colliery, Motherwell (Parish of Dalziel), Division B.

Moss Colliery Company, and George Cochrane, storekeeper, Woodhall Street, Cambusnethan, for Woodhall (Parish of Cambusnethan), Division A.

James Dunlop & Co., Limited, iron and coalmasters, and Walter Buchanan, secretary, Clyde Ironworks, Glasgow, for No. 1 Pit, Newton (Parish of Cambuslang), Division A.

"With reference to the licenses granted in names of John Watson, Limited, William Chambers, and William Gray, the applications are made in consequence of changes in the keepers of stores which were already licensed, while in the case of Robert Addie & Sons' Collieries, Limited, and Peter Thornton, applications were made for new licenses under higher divisions to entitle the holders to keep larger quantities of explosives in already existing stores.

"Between the date of last meeting and 31st December there were issued one renewal of registration and the following 7 new registrations, namely:—

Mrs. H. Govan, 4 Clydeview Place, Cambuslang.

Wishaw Coal Company, Limited, coalmasters, 41 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, and James Dalgleish, manager for Dalzell and Broomside Collieries, Motherwell (mixed explosives).

Archibald Russell, Limited, coalmasters, 68 Great Clyde Street, Glasgow, per Andrew Salmond, manager, Ferniegair Cottage, Ferniegair, Hamilton, for Ferniegair Colliery, Hamilton (mixed explosives).

Wishaw Coal Company, Limited, before designed, per Donald M'Bride, manager, Catherine Terrace, Union Street, Motherwell, for Coursington and Jerviston Collieries, Motherwell (mixed explosives).

Archibald Russell, Limited, before designed, per Robert M'Kay, manager, No. 1 Loanend Cottages, Newton, for No. 3 Pit, Dechmont Colliery, Newton (mixed explosives).

Archibald Russell, Limited, before designed, per Robert Wallace, manager, Greenfield, for Greenfield Colliery and Whistleberry Colliery respectively (mixed explosives) (2 registrations).

"Since 31st December last there have been issued 116 renewals of registrations for the ensuing year and the following 26 new registrations, namely:—

Robert Addie & Sons' Collieries, Limited, and James Brown, surface foreman, Viewpark, Uddingston, for Viewpark Colliery, Uddingston (mixed explosives) (3 registrations).

John Watson, Limited, coalmasters, 19 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, and George Black, manager, Brae Cottage, Hamilton Road, Motherwell, for Motherwell Colliery, and Nos. 2, 3, and 4 Pits, Motherwell Collieries, respectively (mixed explosives) (4 registrations).

James Nimmo & Co., Limited, coalmasters, per John Whiteside, 21 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, for Nos. 5 and 8 Pits, Holytown Colliery, respectively (mixed explosives) (2 registrations).

The Kepplehill Coal Company, Limited, coalmasters, per James Miller, colliery manager, Shotts, for Kepplehill Colliery, Shotts (mixed explosives).

Joseph R. Strathearn, foreman, Bothwell Castle Colliery, Bothwell, for Nos. 3 and 4 Pits, Blantyre (mixed explosives).

John M'Bain, lampman, Craighead Colliery, Blantyre (mixed explosives).

William Dixon, Limited, coalmasters, and James Gillespie, Carfin Colliery, Carfin (mixed explosives).

William Chambers, secretary, Bentrigg Colliery, Netherburn, for Bentrigg Colliery Office (mixed explosives).

William Gray, storeman, Gilbertfield Colliery, Cambuslang (mixed explosives).

Merry & Cunninghame, Limited, coalmasters, per William Howat, manager, Motherwell, for No. 1 Pit, North Motherwell Colliery, Motherwell (mixed explosives).

William Dixon, Limited, coalmasters, High Blantyre, and James Wylie, 2 Priestfield Terrace, High Blantyre, for No. 1 Pit, Blantyre Colliery, High Blantyre (mixed explosives).

James Gemmell, coalmaster, Netherburn, for Nos. 2 and 3 Pits, South Longrigg Colliery, Netherburn, respectively (mixed explosives) (2 registrations).

Brand & Co., coalmasters, per John Hamilton Senior, Netherburn, for Auldton Colliery, Dalserf, Over Dalserf Colliery, Dalserf, and Woodside Colliery, Dalserf, respectively (mixed explosives) (3 registrations).

William Dixon, Limited, coalmasters, High Blantyre, per Thomas Ritchie Gillespie, Hillside, High Blantyre, for Nos. 2 and 3 Pits, Blantyre Colliery, High Blantyre, respectively (mixed explosives) (2 registrations).

Horn (Glasgow), Limited, coalmasters, per Thomas Hill, manager, 79 West Regent Street, Glasgow, for Glenclelland Colliery, Wishaw (mixed explosives).

James Dunlop & Co., Limited, iron and coalmasters, and Walter Buchanan, secretary, Clyde Ironworks, Glasgow, for No. 2 Pit, Newton (mixed explosives).

"There have been no convictions for contraventions of the Act in the Hamilton District since the date of last meeting, but three Police Informations for contraventions will be submitted to-day.

"Your obedient Servant,

"D. W. HIDDLESTON,
"*Depute Clerk.*

"To the Explosives Committee
"for the Hamilton District of the Middle Ward
"of the County of Lanark."

Letters from County Clerk.

The Clerk read the letters from the County Clerk, of dates 7th November and 17th December last, referred to in the preceding report.

Application for store license.

An application by The Badallan and Palace Farm Collieries, Limited, 134 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, and Robert Thomson, secretary, for license for store at Fauldhouse (Parish of Cambusnethan), under Division A, was submitted to the meeting. The Inspector's report on the store being satisfactory, and to the effect that the application was made on account of neglect to make timeous application for renewal, it was agreed to grant the license, and the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

Inspector Anderson's report.

The following report by Superintendent Anderson, Hamilton, Inspector under the Act (from whom an apology for absence was intimated), was read to the meeting, viz. :—

"Lanarkshire Constabulary,
"Hamilton, 30th January, 1913.

"Gentlemen,

"I have to report for your information that since last meeting of the committee on the 25th October, 1912, I have inspected the majority of the stores licensed and premises registered for the keeping of explosives in this division, and found them being kept satisfactorily.

"In this division, at the present date, there are 53 stores licensed for keeping mixed explosives, and 65 premises registered for keeping explosives (viz., 57 for mixed explosives and 8 for gunpowder only), which have been duly licensed and had the necessary police certificates granted, with the exception of Struther Colliery, Larkhall, in which case an information on a charge of failing to renew the police certificate has been lodged with the Clerk.

"I have also had occasion through my inspection during the period mentioned to lodge with the Clerk an information against John Kennedy, lampman at Whistleberry Colliery, Blantyre, for keeping explosives in an unauthorised place there.

"A detection was also made on 21st November last at No. 2 Pit, Dechmont Colliery, where Daniel Reilly, brushing contractor, was found keeping in a chest in his working place at said pit 18 lbs. of explosives, and at the Sheriff Court, Hamilton, on the 4th December, he was fined 15s., with the option of five days' imprisonment. This conviction was obtained under the new Coal Mines Act.

"I would further point out that the relative regulations applying to the storage of surplus explosives at the collieries are now being complied with, and, in my opinion, the system works satisfactorily to all concerned; and it also obviates the granting of certificates under Order in Council No. 12 'as to private use.'

"Your obedient Servant,

"ALEX. ANDERSON,
"*Inspector.*

"To the Explosives Committee
"for the Hamilton District of the Middle Ward
"of the County of Lanark."

Inspector Moir's report.

There was also read to the meeting the following report by Superintendent Moir, Motherwell, Inspector under the Act:—

"Lanarkshire Constabulary,
"Motherwell, 29th January, 1913.

"Gentlemen,

"I beg to report, for your information, that at the present date licenses have been granted for 65 stores within the Wishaw District. They are as follows:—

Under Division A, ...	17	Under Division C, ...	13
" " B, ...	19	" " D, ...	16

being an increase of 4 over last year. Police certificates have been granted by me for the same.

"Registrations have been made of 74 premises, viz.:—

58 for mixed explosives, and
16 for gunpowder.

Certificates have also been granted under Order in Council No. 16 of the Explosives Act, 1875.

"Six certificates have been granted under Order in Council No. 12 of the Explosives Act, 1875, all being for blasting purposes in ironworks. I have inspected a large number of stores in my division recently, and, with one exception, found them all in good order. The exception was at Greenhill Collieries, where the walls and roof of the store at No. 12 Pit were found to be out of repair. On the manager's attention being drawn to the matter, he at once had the store put into proper order. So far no contraventions have been discovered this year, and everything in connection with the Mines Act, 1911, is working very satisfactorily. All the colliery owners in this district have registered premises at the pithead, where the miners have their explosives given out to them when about to start work, and when leaving off work all unused explosives are handed in and locked past in those premises. This is a great convenience to the miner, and tends to the safety of all concerned.

"Your obedient Servant,

"ALEXANDER MOIR,
"*Inspector.*

"To the Explosives Committee
"for the Hamilton District of the Middle Ward
"of the County of Lanark."

There were submitted to the meeting Police Informations charging the following persons with the after-mentioned contraventions of the Act, viz. :— *Police informations.*

(1) John Kennedy, lampman, residing at 284 Glasgow Road, Blantyre—keeping explosives within the lamp-room and the general store at the Whistleberry Colliery, Blantyre, of Messrs. Archibald Russell, Limited, coal-masters.

Along with this information there was submitted a letter from Kennedy apologising for his offence, and undertaking to observe the Act in future. The Clerk explained that, since the date of the offence, premises at Whistleberry Colliery had been registered for the keeping of explosives in terms of the Act.

A discussion ensued as to whether or not Kennedy should be prosecuted, and, after a vote, it was decided by a majority not to prosecute him, but the Clerk was instructed to write to the accused severely reprimanding him for his offence, and notifying him that, on any repetition thereof, prosecution would follow. The Clerk was also directed to write to Mr. Robert Wallace, manager of Whistleberry Colliery, drawing his attention to the lampman's offence and to his own responsibility in the matter.

(2) Elizabeth Cather, confectioner, residing at 92 Millburn Street, Motherwell—selling explosives (squibs) within her shop there to a child under 13 years of age.

In this case it was also resolved not to prosecute, and the Clerk was instructed to write to Miss Cather censuring her and warning her against repeating the offence.

(3) Robert Semple, colliery owner, residing at Coralbank, Shettleston—failing to renew and obtain a Police Certificate authorising him to keep mixed explosives in premises at New Struther Colliery, Birkenshaw, registered for that purpose.

There was read to the meeting a letter from Mr. Semple explaining that the offence charged against him had been committed through the Police Certificate previously issued to him having been mislaid. After considering the information along with Mr. Semple's letter, the committee resolved not to prosecute, and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Semple requesting him to be more careful in future to comply with the requirements of the Act.

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